

**PRESIDER**

Dear friends, as honoured guests at the wedding feast of the Lamb, let us pray for the whole human family to find its place at the table of life.

**READER**

We pray for all who dwell in the land of Jesus' birth, whether Palestinian or Israeli, that the deadly violence engulfing them will be short-lived and an effective ceasefire agreed to. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all taking part in the Synod on Synodality, that they will listen for the consoling and challenging movement of the Holy Spirit. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for ourselves as citizens of Australia, that the result of the referendum on an Indigenous Voice to Parliament will make us more determined than ever to overcome disadvantage and division across the land. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all people living with a disability, and for their families and carers, that the implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability will help transform their lives. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our worshipping community, that together with Paul the apostle we will learn how to be poor or rich and to claim God's strength in our weakness. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased, . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that Christ the good shepherd will lead them to the joy of the heavenly banquet. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God, our strength and our salvation, your Son Jesus taught us to pray for our daily bread. Help us be content with the blessings you give us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.