

PRESIDER

Dear friends, taught by Jesus to pray continually and never lose heart, let us ask God to bring justice to the earth.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis. May his heartfelt plea for an end to the brutality of war not fall on deaf ears. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for an increased awareness of our need to be open and constant in prayer. May the fruit of our being so be reflected in our relationships and communities. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

May this week's [National Conference for Evangelisation](#), 20-22 October, hosted by the Australian Bishops, be charged with the power of God's saving word. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for women and girls in every land where they are oppressed, silenced and discriminated against. May they hold fast to their hope for respect and freedom. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who devote themselves to a life of prayer in community. May they inspire all the baptised to pray constantly with confidence. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May their hope of eternal life be fulfilled beyond measure. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

PRESIDER

God of mercy and compassion, your Son taught us to trust in your goodness. May the witness of our faith encourage many to believe in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.