

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Christ among us is our hope of glory. Let us pray for the mystery of Christ to kindle hope around the world.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis, servant of the church, that like Paul the apostle he will be ever open to where the Spirit is calling. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the countless people suffering from hunger, violence, natural disasters or state oppression, that the human family will put solidarity with them into effective practice. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for a world-wide spirit of hospitality like that of Abraham, Martha and Mary, that households and nations will welcome others with warmth and generosity. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our Pacific Island, Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste and West Papua neighbours, that Australia will prove to be a good friend and reliable partner. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Australian communities devastated by present floods and past bushfires, that they will have all the resources and resilience they need to recover. (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 they will live in the presence of the Lord for ever. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of all wisdom, you bid us listen to the words of your Son. Help us put them into practice. We ask this through Christ our Lord.