

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus calls us to forgive as generously as we are forgiven. Thankful for God's boundless mercy, let us open our hearts in prayer for the needs of the world.

READER

We pray for the people of Morocco devastated by an earthquake and for the people of Libya devastated by flooding; that all who have been bereaved, injured or made homeless will receive the emergency and long-term aid they need to recover. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for our young parishioners and their families gathered for the celebration of First Holy Communion; that they will often be enriched by gathering to hear God's Word and to receive the Bread of Life. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for practitioners of restorative justice, that their work will resolve historic conflicts and open the way to deep healing. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all Australians who will vote in the upcoming referendum; that they will do so in good conscience have carefully considered the issues. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all participants in the upcoming Synod in Rome, that they will be charged with the same Spirit that enthused young believers at World Youth Day this year. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that by God's saving power they will rise to eternal life. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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God of all mercy and compassion, come to our aid. Help us believe in your unfailing love and proclaim it to the ends of the earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.