

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus sent out his 12 apostles to spread the reign of God. Let us pray for all our sisters and brothers to know its blessings.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis and all successors of the apostles, that their service of the Gospel will offer life, hope and healing to the human family. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all the baptised, that they will awaken to their calling and bear bold witness to the Gospel with lives of justice, love and peace. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the multitudes of people displaced from their homeland, that World Refugee Day (20 June) will summon every nation to play its part in securing their safety and well-being. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those children and their families in our parish who are being renewed in their faith this week in the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for women and girls living under repressive regimes, that international efforts to uphold their right to respect, education and freedom will give them hope. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will inherit the eternal life Christ won for them. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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All-embracing God, you revealed your love for us in the mission of your Son. Send us forth to labour in the fields of your realm. We ask this through Christ our Lord.