

PRESIDER

Dear friends, drawn together by the light of Christ, let us pray for a world free from the shadows of sin and death.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis who last week celebrated the tenth anniversary of his pontificate. May he continue to be a beacon of Christ's saving light. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for peace-makers in every sphere of conflict, that they will never waver in their efforts to bring an end to bloodshed and violence. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for Caritas Australia's partners in Vietnam, that their work of empowering people with disabilities will grow through our generous support for Project Compassion. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for Hindu believers celebrating New Year this week and the followers of Islam beginning Ramadan (both 22 March), that their faith observances will be a blessing for the world. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for one another in our parish community, that this week's feasts of St Joseph (20 March) and the Annunciation (25 March) will brighten our way through Lent to Easter. (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 live in the light of Christ for ever. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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God of light and love, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus. Help us live as children of the light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.