

## **PRESIDER**

Dear friends, Jesus dares his disciples to risk investing their whole selves in the work of the kingdom. May the prayers we now pray be a pledge of our determination to follow him.

## **READER**

We pray for Pope Francis, that his call for a church of the poor, with the poor and for the poor will be heard and heeded by the whole people of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the children of all nations, that tomorrow's World Children's Day (20 November) will advance the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for women in church and society, that they will have the freedom to develop their gifts and skills and enhance the life of the community. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for people of influence in the world of business and finance, that they will act with integrity and in service of the common good. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for young people suffering mental health distress, that they will be able to access support services when they need them. (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 be reborn in heavenly glory. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of mercy, in your goodness you have made us children of light and children of the day. Help us walk always in the light of Christ. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.