

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus calls us to love without judgement and be generous to all. In that spirit let us ask for God's blessing on the whole of creation.

READER

We pray for all Christians. May we witness to the radical call of the Gospel to love our enemies under the grace of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for nations, communities and individuals driven by resentment and vengeance. May the Spirit of God move them to mercy. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for integrity in public office. May all in positions of public trust uphold the highest standards of honesty and responsibility. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the residents and staff of aged care facilities. May the urgent reforms needed for effective care and just working conditions be put in place. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our parish community. May it be a place of forgiveness, compassion and gratitude. (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 enfolded in the loving arms of God forever. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of all kindness, you bestow your love on just and unjust alike. By the power of your Spirit, help us to love all without hope of return. We ask this through Christ our Lord.