

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus calls us to be a welcoming and hospitable people. With hearts open to the world, let us pray for all our sisters and brothers in their need.

READER

We pray for the people of God in every land, that they will answer Jesus' call to take up their cross and find life in his name. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the First Nations peoples of Australia and the Torres Strait, that NAIDOC week will help everyone appreciate the role of elders in passing on their traditions and culture. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the Christian churches of Asia, that they will be led by the Spirit in proclaiming the Gospel in dialogue with other faiths and philosophies. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who are homeless for the first time this winter, that they will find the services they need to cope with their trauma. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for teachers, parents and children on school holidays around the country, that this will be a time of rest, refreshment and reinvigoration for them all. (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 be alive forever for God in Christ Jesus. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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God of eternal glory, you have called us out of darkness into your wonderful light. Help us walk by that light in the footsteps of your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.