

PRESIDER

Dear friends, with Paul we are blessed to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. In faith let us pray for a new heaven and a new earth.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis, that his steadfast endeavours in the cause of world peace and church reform will bear timely fruit. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for an end to war in every arena of conflict around the world, that the immeasurable suffering of the innocent will cease and grief give way to hope. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the followers of Islam beginning Ramadan, that their month of fasting, prayer and charity will renew them in spirit and deepen their faith. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for vocational school students in the Solomon Islands, that our support for Project Compassion will help train them to deal with the impact of climate change. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all victims of human trafficking, that they be set free from bondage and the unscrupulous agents of their exploitation be brought to justice. (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 take their place with all who been raised in Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of boundless mercy, you never cease to make all things new. Fill us with hope and the courage to trust in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.