

PRESIDER

Dear friends, every eucharist we celebrate sends us out on mission like the seventy-two disciples. Let us pray for the world to hear that the kingdom of God is very near.

READER

We pray for the world-wide church. May we become the missionary and synodal people of God that Pope Francis is advocating. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Catholic community in Australia. May this week's session of the Plenary Council lay open the pathway to rebirth and renewal. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the ever-increasing millions of people around the world displaced by war, violence, poverty or natural disasters. May the human family come together to give them shelter and sustenance. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities this NAIDOC Week (3-10 July). May their rallying cry to 'Get Up, Stand Up, and Show Up!' hasten the systemic change they hope for. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are struggling to stay warm and well this winter in the face of high-er energy costs. May local communities rally to give them practical support. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they be made altogether new in the kingdom of heaven. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of mercy and peace, you sent your Son to bring a new world to birth. Send us too as heralds of a new heaven and new earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.