

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus calls us to choose his way of self-sacrificing love. Keeping close to him, let us pray for our sisters and brothers around the world.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis and for all religious leaders. May they, like the prophet Jeremiah, have hearts on fire with a passion for God's saving justice. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for churches observing the Season of Creation this month. May they heed the call of the prophet Amos and let justice and peace flow across the face of the earth. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our nation. May all sectors of the Australian community contribute fairly to the cost of the social goods with which we are blessed. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers and all who serve in a fatherly role. May their love be life-giving for their children and fulfilling for themselves. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Australia's children. May National Child Protection Week (3-9 September) bring everyone together to ensure no child is maltreated. (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 raised to life in Christ crucified and risen. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of infinite mystery, you fill our hearts with longing for your love. Help us find you in one another and those we serve. We ask this through Christ our Lord.