

PRESIDER

Dear friends, with the bold faith of the Canaanite woman, let us pray for the world to be healed and set free by Jesus' saving power.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis and all people of good will that their hopes for a more just and peaceful are realised. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We remember, as we mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, those who died. May those who carry the scars of conflict and serving Australian Defence receive the support they need. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray in thanks for the women of faith who have inspired generation after generation of believers. May their testimony lead today's young women to discover Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the many people caught in economic or sexual slavery that they be freed their bondage. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Church. May every parish church be a house of prayer that welcomes all who seek the face of God. (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 share to the full in the banquet of eternal life. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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All-embracing God, your saving love knows no bounds. Help us, we pray, to share that love freely, without judgment or discrimination. We ask this through Christ our Lord.