

PRESIDER

Dear friends, assured that Jesus is with us to the end of time, let us pray in his name for a new heaven and a new earth.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis and all bishops, that they will lead the way in proclaiming the Gospel joyfully to the ends of the earth. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are dying and for their loved ones and carers, that National Palliative Care Week (21 – 27 May) will highlight the medical and pastoral care they can receive. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the many Christian churches, that they will grow ever more united in their witness to the life won for us by Jesus Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all celebrating Laudato Si' Week (16-24 May), that they will kindle fresh hope for the earth and hope for humanity. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Catholic community in Australia, that this week's feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians will deepen our awareness of Mary's intercession for all Australians (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 inherit the rich glories promised the saints. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

PRESIDER

Ever-loving God, you flood our minds and hearts with the light of your Spirit. Help us live always in the light of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.