

PRESIDER

Dear friends, guided by the Paraclete whom Jesus promised, let us pray for the needs and hopes of the whole human family.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis and all whom he inspires to care for the earth, that he will strengthen our shared resolve to work for climate justice. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for peace in every land, especially in places of entrenched and brutal warfare, that the trauma suffered by ordinary people will come to a merciful end. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the Australian nation, that those elected to public office will commit themselves to conscientious service of the common good. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who are providing or receiving palliative care, that this service of compassion will bear witness to the dignity of every human person. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the First Peoples of Australia, that Sorry Day (26 May), National Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June) and the Uluru Statement from the Heart will renew their hope for a better future. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will enjoy for ever the peace the world cannot give. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Holy God, giver of all good things, keep us true to your Son's word and open to the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord.