

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus teaches us to pray with humility and sincerity. In that spirit let us place all our needs in God's merciful hands.

READER

On this World Mission Sunday we pray for the whole church, that, like Paul the apostle, all the baptised will bear missionary witness to Christ with courage and conviction. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the United Nations, that at this time of political, economic and social upheaval the world body will uphold its ideals of peace and justice for all. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who face further flood disruption in eastern Australia, that their communities will give them strong and lasting support. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for parole officers and volunteers assisting newly released prisoners, that they will accompany them well on their path of re-entry into society. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who face homelessness unexpectedly, especially older women, that they will find the help they need to be safely housed. (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 receive the crown of righteousness from Christ their Lord. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God Most High, you hear the prayers of the lowly. Open our hearts to hear their cry; open our hands to meet their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.