

PRESIDER

Dear friends, ever in our midst, Jesus sheds light on God's word and breaks bread with us. In company with him, let us pray for our needy world.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis, that his pastoral visit to Hungary this week will yield a rich harvest of faith and love across that land. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all ministers of word and sacrament, that their ministry will bear spirited witness to Christ's victory over sin and death. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who will observe Anzac Day this week, that their remembrance of the casualties of war will reinforce their passion for peace. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the people of Australia, that their consideration of the proposed Indigenous Voice to government will be informed, respectful and just. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for youth workers, especially those serving in disadvantaged and troubled communities, that they will win the trust and confidence of the young. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the priests, religious and volunteers ministering in far-flung parishes, that their collaboration will keep these faith communities alive and well. (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 be blessed with the fullness of joy in God's presence. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Mighty God and fount of love, you have broken the bonds of death and freed us from sin. Make us joyful messengers of your goodness. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.