

PRESIDER

Dear friends, blessed with faith in Jesus the Christ, let us pray for the whole human family to find life in his name.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis, bishop of Rome and universal pastor, that he never tire of proclaiming the peace and forgiveness of the risen Lord. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for Christian communities around the world, that they remain faithful to the teaching of the apostles, the fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who will gather for Anzac Day services, that they will honour the dead, comfort the grieving and wounded, and resolve to ceaselessly work for peace. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for prisoners of conscience and all who are unjustly detained or falsely accused, that appeals by advocates of human rights will win them due process. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for ourselves, that like Thomas the apostle we will confess our faith in the crucified and risen Christ present among us. (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 inherit the eternal salvation promised them. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Ever-living God, your Son has saved us from the power of death. Help us bear witness to the joy of the good news. We ask this through Christ our Lord.