

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus taught us to pray with confidence and persistence. In that spirit let us turn to God in prayer with faith-filled hearts.

READER

For the family of faith, that in union with Pope Francis we would be always and everywhere be a people grounded in prayerful communion with God our loving Father and serving the common good. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For grandparents and the elderly, that this week's World Day in their honour will highlight both their gifts and their needs. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For leaders dealing with the global energy and food crisis, that they will promote the common good and the wellbeing of the earth. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For librarians and all who encourage a love of books and reading, especially in children, that they will deepen and enrich our shared human experience. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For our parish community, that we will put Jesus' teaching on prayer into practice in our daily lives. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will praise God forever in the company of the saints. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Loving God and Father of Jesus, you never cease to forgive and heal us. Give us hearts of mercy for all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.