

## **PRESIDER**

Dear friends, a Saviour has been born for us, Christ our Lord! With glad hearts let us place the whole of creation in God's gracious hands.

## **READER**

For Pope Francis and all Christian leaders and for all the baptised around the world, that the feast of Christmas will deepen their faith in God's power to make all things new. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are weary of the world's wars and divisions, that the sign of the new-born Christ will fortify their hope for healing and lasting peace. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the Christian churches in Australia, that they will speak out with one strong voice for justice, reconciliation and the care for creation. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are gathering with families and friends today, that the celebration of Christmas will deepen the love they share and bring healing where needed. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who about to embark on summer holidays, that they will enjoy a safe, healthy and happy time away. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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

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All-loving God, in the fullness of time you sent your Son to be our Saviour. Give us the joy of walking always in his light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.