

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus keeps encouraging us not to be afraid. With faith in God's unfailing care, let us pray for all the needs of the world.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis, that he will be blessed with the health and strength he needs for his mission of worldwide leadership. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all whose gospel living provokes opposition or puts them in danger, that the apostolic witness of Saints Peter and Paul will give them courage to stand firm. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for Catholics who are disillusioned with the church and no longer practise their faith, that God's Spirit will continue to guide them on paths of mercy, justice and love. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for rural dioceses and parishes struggling with limited resources, that they will find creative ways to build community and continue proclaiming the Gospel. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who have been the subject of sexual assault, that their right to just treatment by the law and the media will be upheld. (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 enjoy for ever the fellowship of the saints. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Faithful God, you have freed us from sin and death through your Son, Jesus Christ. Open our eyes and hearts to the gift of your divine grace. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.