

## **PRESIDER**

Dear friends, by word and example Jesus announced God's merciful love for all. Let us pray for that love to heal the wounds of our war-torn world.

## **READER**

We pray for all ambassadors of peace, that they remain tireless in their efforts to negotiate an end to death and destruction in Ukraine and all theatres of war. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the world's humanitarian agencies, that they will be able to provide the shelter, food and safety desperately needed by all who have fled their homeland. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all the peoples of the earth, that in the face of current upheavals and the climate crisis they will respond with collaboration, not competition. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have suffered heartbreaking losses in the floods of eastern Australia, that they will receive the short- and long-term support they need to find a new future. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for ex-combatants in the Democratic Republic of Congo, that our support for Project Compassion will enable them to overcome the trauma and hardships of the past. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Indigenous communities of Australia, that on-going reform will give them the confidence of receiving fair and just treatment in the administration of the law. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the parents of young children, that they will love them wisely and help them learn to practise peace and mercy in their lives. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for one another, that we will be reconciled to God and made into a new creation. (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 raised from death into the goodness of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of boundless mercy, you have reconciled us to yourself in Christ. Keep us always on the path of peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.