

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus calls us to stay awake and stand ready for the day of his coming. Heeding his appeal, let us open our ears to the cry of the world.

READER

We pray for the leaders of the world's great faiths. May they strengthen our hope in the promise of a new heaven and a new earth. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who dwell in the ancient homeland of Jesus. May the hopes of both the Palestinian and Israeli people for justice and peace be fulfilled. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all persons living with a disability. May this week's United Nations Day (3 December) in their honour highlight their needs and their gifts. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for rural families and communities facing devastating losses in the flooding crisis. May they stay strong and not lose heart. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our parish and faith community. May the season of Advent call us to prayer, confirm us in hope, and bless us with peace. (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 live for ever in the light of Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of unfailing promise, you never cease to call us to yourself. Help us walk always in the light of Christ, your Son and our Lord for ever and ever.