

PRESIDER

Dear friends, thankful for the gift of faith in Jesus, Son of the living God, let us pray with confidence for all our sisters and brothers in need.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis on his apostolic visit to Mongolia this week. May he confirm that nation's small Christian community in the faith of Peter the apostle. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray on this Social Justice Sunday with and for respectful listening, learning and loving with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the million refugees who have fled to neighbouring countries from war-torn Sudan. May emergency humanitarian aid save them from starvation and destitution. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the human family. May the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation (1 September) draw all people together in love and care for the world God has given us. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray in thanksgiving for the countless acts of kindness that bind our community together. May these humble gestures bear a rich harvest of hope and joy. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased, . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May the mystery of God's wisdom be fully revealed to them. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Faithful and ever-loving God, you led the apostle Peter to believe in Jesus your Son. Deepen our faith in Christ and give us the courage to follow him ever more closely. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.