

PRESIDER

Dear friends, the way of Jesus is the way of humble service and generous hospitality. In that spirit let us pray for all our sisters and brothers in their need.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis and all who minister in the name of the church, that they will welcome and wait on those judged to be of least account. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the many countries facing famine as a result of war and drought, that the world's food stocks will be swiftly shared to save their people from starvation. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who volunteer their time and effort to maintain community services, that their generosity will inspire many to join them. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the families of Australian defence personnel who have died or suffered in service of their country, that Legacy Week (28 August-3 September) will assure them of ongoing support. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our parish community, that it will be a haven of hospitality and warm welcome for all. (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 take their place with all the saints in the city of the living God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of all goodness, through your Son you have opened the doors to your divine realm. Help us bring many under your gracious rule. We ask this through Christ our Lord.