

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus calls us to love as he loved, wholeheartedly and freely. Let us open our hearts in loving prayer for the world that God has made.

READER

We pray for the millions of innocent children, women and men caught up in brutal warfare, especially in Israel and Gaza, but also in Ukraine, Myanmar, Sudan and other places, that the warring parties will agree to a ceasefire and allow humanitarian aid to flow through. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for Jews, Christians and Muslims around the world, that their shared faith in God's word to Moses will bear fruit in justice for the stranger, the widow, the orphan and all in need. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for Christian communities everywhere, that like the Thessalonians of old they will be a shining example of faith, joy and hope for all to see. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the quiet volunteers doing the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society, that their care for the poor will ease the hardship and isolation that so many suffer. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for our faith community, that the celebration of All Saints and All Souls Days this week will enliven our hope in Jesus' promise of eternal life. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will forever delight in God's beauty and goodness. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Fount of love, holy God, in your wisdom you have brought the world to birth. Open our hearts to love all things as Jesus did. We ask this through Christ our Lord.