

## **PRESIDER**

Dear friends, Jesus wants us to be ever alert for his advent among us. In peace and thankfulness, let us pray for God's blessing on the whole of creation.

## **READER**

We pray for our war-torn and fractured world. May Pope Francis and all in positions of authority and power do their utmost to end bloodshed and kindle new hope for peace. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all the baptised. May the 60th anniversary of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (4 December) call everyone again to full, conscious and active participation in the church's life of prayer. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for persons living with a disability. May this week's United Nations observance (3 December) mark world-wide progress in the recognition of both their needs and their gifts. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for fire-fighters and emergency service personnel as summer approaches. May they stay safe themselves as they labour to protect the community from dangerous events. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who have experienced loss, disappointment or difficulties in the course of this year. May the season of Advent promise them healing and hope. (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 they be called by name on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God, faithful Father and Redeemer, you never cease to bless us with grace and mercy. Bring us to the fullness of life in Christ, your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever.