

PRESIDER

Dear friends, gathered here to break bread with the risen Lord, let us pray with resolute faith for the needs of the world.

READER

We pray for peace-makers in every sphere of human life, that they will defuse hatred and heal division. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Christians facing hostility for practising their faith, that they remain bold witnesses to Christ crucified and risen. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all followers of Islam, that they will celebrate the end of Ramadan with festive joy and peace. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for journalists around the world, that Press Freedom Day (3 May) will renew their dedication to fearless reporting of the truth. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are seeking election to federal Parliament, that they will heed the Australian bishops' plea for a better kind of politics. (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 praise the glorious Lamb of God in eternal joy. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of all life and love, you raised your Son from the cross to glory. Send us forth as heralds of your mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.