

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus never ceases to reveal to us the wisdom of God's reign. Grateful for this precious gift, let us pray for all the world to share in its blessings.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis and all Bishops at this week's World Youth Day (1-6 August), that their sharings will call many to new discipleship. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the young people attending World Youth Day in Lisbon, that they will witness to being part of the Body of Christ in their relationships, activities and aspirations. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for world leaders, that like Solomon of old they will treasure wisdom above all and not be seduced by the trappings of power. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the whole of humanity under threat from record heatwaves and extreme weather, that such calamities will give added impetus to practical action to address climate change. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who are suffering severe stress from cost-of-living pressures, that they will receive the support they need from the community, from business, and all levels of government. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will share to the full in the glory of God. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Living and life-giving God, you reveal the mystery of your love to the humble of heart. Help us welcome your wisdom and live by it. We ask this through Christ our Lord.