

PRESIDER

Dear friends, to have the mind of Christ is to empty ourselves as he did and be loving servants of one another. In that spirit let us pray for a new heaven and a new earth.

READER

We pray for all members of the Synod on Synodality starting in Rome this week. May they be united in their love and have a common purpose and a common mind. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

For all people of good-will – may God grant courage to embrace the precious gift of life, even in the most difficult of circumstances (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the whole human family. May this week's feast of St Francis of Assisi (4 October) inspire us all to delight in nature and care for the earth, our common home. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the people of Australia, whether ancient inhabitants or modern migrants. May the upcoming referendum on the Voice further justice, respect and recognition. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all whose lives are given over to the full-time care of a dependent family member. May their devotion be matched by the community resources they need. (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 raised on high with Christ to the glory of God the Father. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Loving God and Father of Jesus, you raised your Son from the shame of the cross to glory at your right hand. Give us the courage to follow him in humility and service. We ask this through Christ our Lord.