

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus sheds light on our shared equality before God and calls us to humble service. In the spirit of our common discipleship, let us pray for the whole human family.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis and all bishops in their mission to serve rather than be served, that their words and deeds will inspire the faithful to live their baptismal dignity for the sake of the reign of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Jews and Palestinians living around the world, that in their anguish at the terrible bloodshed in Israel and Gaza they not be subjected to or engage in any form of abuse or vilification. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all nations observing Remembrance Day this week, that honouring those who have died in armed conflict or peacekeeping will strengthen their resolve to work ceaselessly for peace. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Church, that the deliberations of the Synod will inspire the People of God to realise their common dignity as sisters and brothers in Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for prison inmates, their guards and their chaplains, that today's Prison Sunday will give them common cause to advocate for reform of the penal system. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will take their place in the communion of saints and rejoice in God forever. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Holy God and Father of all, you surround the peoples of the earth with your loving embrace. Help us live as your daughters and sons and as servants of one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord.