

## **PRESIDER**

Dear friends, the word of God always calls us to new faith and witness. In response let us pray for the whole of creation to be made new.

## **READER**

We pray for all who hear God's word, that they will take it to heart and be inspired to become prophets and apostles of God's reign. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for scholars and ministers of God's word, that they will testify to its power, beauty and saving truth. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, that their independence be respected and peace maintained. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for peoples living with violence and tyranny, especially in Afghanistan, Yemen and Myanmar that their cries for help will be heard and answered. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the athletes taking part in the Winter Olympics in Beijing, that they will be ambassadors of peace, solidarity, mutual respect and fair play. (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 rejoice in the glory of God for ever. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Holy God, you sent your Son to announce the good news of your mercy. Help us make that good news known to all we meet. We ask this through Christ our Lord.