

PRESIDER

Dear friends, gathered in the Spirit of the risen Lord, let us pray with bold faith for a new heaven and a new earth.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis and for all who bear public witness to Christ, that the testimony of their lives will give courage and hope to all who live in the shadow of death. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for mothers, grandmothers and all who have played a motherly role in our lives, that they be blessed for the loving care they have shown us. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Deacon Eden and seminarians Mark and Brian. May our support for today's Good Shepherd Sunday appeal assist them and those who will follow in preparing well for ministerial priesthood. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all Red Cross staff and volunteers, that the service which they and all humanitarian agencies render will make the world a safer, healthier and more peaceful place. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for young Australians preparing to vote for the first time in this month's election, that they will consider carefully what is best for this land and all its people. (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 join the angels and saints in joyful praise of the Lamb of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of everlasting love, you have called us out of darkness into your marvellous light. Make us bearers of your light for all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.