

## **PRESIDER**

Dear friends, in the spirit of Jesus' self-sacrifice on the cross, let us pray with heartfelt compassion for our wounded world.

## **READER**

For Pope Francis and all apostles of peace, that they be constantly inspired by the example of Jesus who poured out his life in love for all. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the poor of the world who bear the brunt of war, disease and climate change, that the grave injustice of their suffering be addressed by the whole human family. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the growing millions of people displaced from their homeland, that the world community will unite in offering them shelter, safety and support. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For Australia, that all engaged in the federal election campaign will uphold the civic values of truth, respect and integrity. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For Caritas Australia and all its partner agencies, that our support for Project Compassion this year will help their mission of care and compassion transform the lives of many. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be raised from death to share in the glory of Christ. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son became as we are even unto death. Give us the courage to follow him, even on the way of the cross. We ask this through Christ our Lord.