

PRESIDER

Dear friends, by dying on the cross Jesus reconciled to himself everything in heaven and on earth. In peace let us pray for the whole of creation.

READER

We pray for the world to be steeped in the spirit of the Good Samaritan, that human beings everywhere will come to each other's aid in times of need. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Catholic community in Australia, that the decisions of the Plenary Council will encourage all believers to live out their baptism to the full. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those grieving deaths from Covid, for those seriously ill with the virus, and for all whose life and work has been disrupted by it, that they will draw strength from the care and compassion of the community. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for seafarers on this Sea Sunday, that they be assured of safe and just working conditions and remain connected with their families. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the parents of children with special needs, that the loving care they give them will bear witness to the intrinsic value of every human person. (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 will be united for ever with Christ, the first-born from the dead. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of mercy and compassion, keep us close to your Son and help us love you and our neighbour with all our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord.