

## **PRESIDER**

Dear friends, Jesus encourages us to be of one mind when we ask for what we need. United in faith and hope, let us turn to our loving God in prayer.

## **READER**

We pray for Pope Francis, bishop of Rome, and all church leaders, that they will never cease to proclaim the good news of God's saving mercy. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who live in Jesus' ancient homeland, that the World Week of Prayer for Peace in Israel and Palestine (16-23 September) will hasten a just resolution of their competing claims. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray in this Season of Creation, that prophetic witness will continue to call us to responsible care of the earth, our common home. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who are engaged in public debate about the proposed indigenous Voice to Parliament, that they will argue their case with clarity, integrity and respect. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the relatives and friends of people who have taken their own lives, that with timely help they will find a way through their pain and grief. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that Christ, the good shepherd, will guide them safely to their eternal home. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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God of life and love, you reconciled the world to yourself in Christ. Help us be true ambassadors of your peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.