

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus calls us to be thankful like the healed Samaritan. Grateful for the blessings we enjoy, let us pray for the whole world to believe in God's goodness.

READER

We pray for the church, that it will be a leaven of joy and thanksgiving for a world steeped in a culture of complaint and resentment. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who are working in good faith for peace, justice and humanity throughout Palestine and Israel, that the seeds they sow for a new future will bear a swift harvest. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the poor and hungry of the world, that this week's World Food Day (16 October) and the United Nations Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17 October) will help bring them the justice and relief for which they cry. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for leaders in every field of human health, that their dedicated service will advance the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of the whole community. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who have been elected to service in local, state or federal government, that they will stay true to their oaths of office and work with courage, wisdom and transparency for the common good. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for young people downcast by the spectre of climate change, that they will support and encourage one another in the hard work of caring for the earth, our only home. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray in thanks for everyday blessings, that the myriad small things that bring us delight will move us to share the joy of life with all around us. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our parish community, that in this Jubilee Year of Hope the gift of Marian Spirituality will lead us to magnify the Lord with Mary, mother and first disciple of Jesus. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently . . . , and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will enjoy salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Bountiful God, in Jesus your Son you have given us the gift of life. Keep us faithful to him and grateful to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.