

PRESIDER

Dear friends, to further his earthly mission, Jesus sent his disciples out with good news for the whole of creation. In that spirit, let us pray for all God's creatures.

READER

We pray for all the Christian faithful, that everyone will be charged with the missionary impulse called for by Jesus and urged constantly by Pope Francis. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for mothers, step-mothers, grandmothers and all who give motherly care, that they will bless the children in their care with love and wisdom, and enjoy their life-long affection. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the many Christian churches around the world, that the week of prayer for unity will witness to the love of God and neighbour, in accordance with Jesus' command. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who wield controlling power in the world of social media, that they will put artificial intelligence at the service of wisdom. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for nurses, especially those who work in the field of mental health, that International Nurses Day (12 May) will honour their dedication to the wellbeing of patients and the whole community. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for our parish and faith community, that the many gifts with which its members are blessed will be welcomed and used to make it one body, one spirit, in Christ. (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 they will all rise with Christ to everlasting glory. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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All-creating God, you never cease to pour out on the church the gifts of your Spirit. Help us grow to maturity in Christ, your Son, our risen Lord, for ever and ever.