PRIEST

Dear friends, Jesus dares us to let go of our lives in order to save them. Let us give ourselves in prayer to the needs of the world.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis, that his pastoral visit to Hungary and Slovakia will inspire the baptised to profess their faith in Jesus and follow him even on the way of the cross. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray on this Safeguarding Sunday that respect for the dignity of all, especially children and the vulnerable, would be supported by policies and nurturing relationships for all. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray that World Suicide Prevention Day (Sept 10) will further the willingness of all to support those suffering with mental illness and to walk with those who grieve the loss of a loved one by suicide. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who make and administer Australian migration policy, that Citizenship Day (17 Sept) will persuade them to end the punitive treatment of temporary visa holders. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the participants in next month's Plenary Council, that they will listen with freedom of heart, and discern what God is asking of the church in Australia. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for ourselves, that the faith we profess will be manifest in lives of loving service. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be led to the glory of the Risen Lord. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

PRIEST

Faithful God, you raised your servant-Son from cross to glory. Help us follow him with all our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord.