

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus bids us love our neighbour as we love ourselves. With hearts open to all those around us, let us pray for a new world of care and compassion.

READER

We pray for the church, that in our war-torn world it will be a vibrant sign of the Christ in whom all things have been reconciled in peace. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for innocent civilians forced to flee for their lives from hostile attack on their nation, that they will find safe shelter and be able to return home without delay. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for unheralded Good Samaritans who care for the needy with no thought of recognition or reward, that they will be blessed for their humble goodness. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the hungry and homeless in our neighbourhood, that the onset of winter will prompt the whole community to give them generous support. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our parish and school community, that we will all encourage one another to love God and neighbour with all our heart and mind and soul and strength. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Pietro Mareinello . . . , and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be led into glory by Christ, the first-born from the dead. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of heaven and earth, your Son Jesus lived among us as neighbour to all. Set our hearts free to love as he loved. We ask this through Christ our Lord.