

**PRESIDER**

Dear friends, Jesus was raised on the cross that we might be saved for life. Looking on him with eyes of faith, let us pray for healing and peace in our world.

**READER**

We pray for the church, that leaders and all believers will closely follow Christ who shared our humanity to the full, even to death on the cross. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the people of today being crucified by war, poverty or sickness, that they will not be overcome by their ordeal but hold fast to the hope of life. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the democratic countries of the world, that tomorrow's United Nations Day of Democracy will encourage them to resist the spread of authoritarianism. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all promoters of a healthy planet, that their efforts to bequeath a habitable world to future generations will bear abundant fruit. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those entrusted with formal responsibility for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, that today's Safeguarding Sunday will confirm them in their sacred mission, (pause) let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who wield social influence, that they will use the media at their disposal to foster a culture of respect, inclusion and solidarity. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for our parish community, that in this Jubilee of Hope it will be animated by a spirit of consolation for those who are experiencing pain or affliction of any kind. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently . . . , and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be raised on high with Christ to the glory of God the Father. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Saving God, by the power of your Spirit the cross of Jesus has become our tree of life. Give us the courage to take up our cross and find life in it. We ask this through Christ our Lord.