

PRESIDER

Dear friends, the Holy Spirit has kindled the fire of love in our hearts. In the warmth and power of that love, let us pray for the human family with all its joys and hopes and griefs and anxieties.

READER

We pray for the outpouring anew of the Holy Spirit on all believers and all peoples of good will. May they use their gifts for their personal and communal good for the sake of love, justice and peace. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the light of truth to shine out across the world, that the dark power of social media for falsehood and disinformation will be exposed and disarmed. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the Australian church, that under the patronage of Mary, Help of Christians (whose Solemnity is celebrated this Friday) it will respond with enterprise to the challenge of contemporary unbelief and disregard. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the doctors, nurses and carers who minister to those approaching the end of their lives, that Palliative Care Week (19-25 May) will help make their work of compassion better understood and appreciated. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for workers in the old energy sector, that as the industry experiences change and upheaval they and their families and communities will be justly supported. (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 be raised to eternal life by the Spirit of the risen Lord. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Holy God, your Spirit anoints us with wisdom and love. Impel us by these gifts to renew the face of the earth. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.