

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus' mission among us was one of service and solidarity. In that spirit, let us pray for the whole world to know his saving power.

READER

We pray for those taking part in the Synod on Synodality, that their final week of discussion and discernment will bear lasting fruit for the life and mission of the church. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our Archdiocesan Assembly, that the fruit of yesterday's deliberations will be seen in a greater openness to the communal discernment of the movement of the Spirit. (Pause for silent prayer). Lord, hear us.

We pray for the human family, that this week's United Nations Day (24 October) will kindle fresh hopes for world-wide peace, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine and Sudan. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for tertiary students undertaking end-of-year, that they will do justice to their learning and use it well for the common good. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the faithful volunteers who visit people in prisons, hospitals and aged care homes, that their care and compassion will give new heart to those who have lost their independence. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be led in peace to the heavenly throne of grace and mercy. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Holy God, for our sake your Son Jesus drank the cup of suffering and underwent the baptism of the cross. Give us the courage to offer our lives in loving service of all. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.