

PRIEST

Dear friends, by his dying and rising Jesus has made us a priestly people. In union with him let us pray for the life of the world.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis and all the bishops of the church, that they will boldly proclaim the truth that sets us free. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the whole human family, that all will unite in bringing to birth a new world order of love, goodness and truth. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who farm the land to produce the food we eat, that they will do all in their power to keep the earth healthy and fruitful. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for women everywhere, that this week's International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (25 November) will help make the world a safer place for them. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for Indigenous Australians caught up in the justice system, that they be treated fairly, respectfully and humanely. (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 join Jesus, the First-born from the dead, in the glory of heaven. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Holy God and Father of Jesus, you Son has washed away our sins with his blood. Keep us true to his name. We ask this through Christ our Lord.