

PRESIDER

Dear friends, with good news and healing power Jesus announced God's reign among us. Let us pray for a world made new.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis. May he be blessed with the strength and health he needs to maintain his apostolic mission. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the whole human family. May the light of salvation dawn on all people and bring them joy and freedom. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the First Peoples of Australia and for all who have made their way to this land. May Australia Day this year strengthen our desire for solidarity and justice. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the many millions facing famine in the Horn of Africa. May they receive the aid they need to save them from starvation. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the staff and volunteers of emergency agencies around the country. May they keep us safe throughout the summer. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased, especially Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Cardinal George Pell . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Saving God, the light of your love has shone for us in Christ. Help us walk always as children of light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.