

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus tells us that salvation is a gift for all the sincere of heart, not a privileged possession for the few. With his breadth of vision, let us pray for the needs of the whole human family.

READER

We pray for Pope Leo, that this week's feasts of St Augustine (28 August) and his mother Monica (27 August) will confirm and strengthen his vow to live in the spirit of St Augustine. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the global church, that its mission of proclaiming the good news to the world will be enhanced by the creative use of social media. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for ceasefires in every place of bloodshed, hate and pain, that serious negotiations can be undertaken to end suffering and promote peace. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for participants in World Water Week (24-28 August), that they will help us realise the critical role of water in addressing climate change, environmental degradation and biodiversity loss. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who attended the Australian Catholic Education Conference (20-22 August), that they will return to work invigorated by the conference theme of 'hope, anchored in faith'. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for business managers in dioceses, parishes and church agencies, that they will fulfil their responsibilities with integrity and ensure that the church's material resources serve its gospel mission. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those in poor health within our families, our parish community and among our friends and acquaintances, that they will take heart from the loving care we offer them. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Cathy Harris, Maria Murphy and Anna Tran Thi Hy, and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will take their place gladly at the feast of life in the kingdom of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of all nations, you created humankind to be many and one. Help us to embrace our common humanity and live in peace with one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord.