PRESIDER

Dear friends, united in the one hope, the one peace and the one faith, let us pray together for all who are hungry in body, mind and spirit.

READER

We pray for the whole human family, that the Paris Olympics will be a powerful symbol of universal friendship and shared humanity in these fractured times. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all grandparents and the elderly. May their faith and wisdom be cherished and their word and example continue to affirm and build up the community, especially the younger generations. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for faithful believers taking part in Sunday Eucharist around the world today, that they will take delight in belonging to a global family of grace, prayer and peace. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the many human beings struggling to survive from day to day on the barest rations of food and water, that the world community will do everything in its power to supply them with the necessities of life. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for youth workers, especially those engaging with young people from disadvantaged communities, that they will help them grow in self-respect and self-confidence. (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 join the company of saints in the kingdom of heaven. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

PRESIDER

God of unfailing bounty, day by day you bless us with love and mercy. Open our hearts in generous love for friend and stranger alike. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.