

PRIEST

Dear friends, with ears open to hear God's word and tongues freed to speak with love, let us pray for God's blessing on the whole of creation.

READER

For the Pope Francis and all bishops, that their shepherding of God's family would manifest the heart of a loving father. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For fathers and all who play a fatherly role in children's lives, that they will find fulfilment and joy in their vocation of parenthood. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the people of Australia, that the rising challenges of division, inequality and angry resentment will be overcome by a spirit of kindness and community. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the Jewish community, that the observance of New Year (Rosh Hashana on 7 September) will deepen their covenant love for the living God. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the children of Australia, that National Child Protection Week (5-11 September) will confirm the effective implementation of child safety systems and protocols. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will become a wholly new creation in Christ. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Holy God and Father of Jesus, you have made us your daughters and sons in Christ. Keep us true to your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord.