

## PRESIDER

My sisters and brothers, the call of the fishermen to follow Jesus is a reminder of the power of the word of God in our lives as we celebrate today the Sunday of the Word of God. Today is also the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel.

## READER

We pray for all who are called to be prophets, apostles and fishers of people, that they will be fearless heralds of the kingdom of God. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray that each of us receive the word of God with the openness of Peter, James and John and find in it the hope and joy of being disciples of Jesus in the world of our own time. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray that our armed forces, police and security personnel, who so often witness the ugly and evil side of humanity, be protected from harm, receive support for their mental health, and be honoured with our gratitude. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for sick people around the world and in our community, that the prayers of many will give them comfort, strength and connection with others. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for all who have been forced to flee their homes and abandon their life's belongings, that they will have the courage to begin again, wherever they have found refuge. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for the First Nations people of Australia, that this week's anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations will heal old wounds and assure them of their ancestral rights. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for those who have died recently . . . . , and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will enjoy the vision of God in heavenly glory for ever. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Holy God, you sent your Son among us to open our eyes to the wonder of your love. Give us the freedom of heart to share gladly in his mission. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.