

## **PRESIDER**

Dear friends, Jesus chose to become poor for our sake, to make us rich out of his poverty. Blessed by his love, let us pray for everyone to know and enjoy God's bounty.

## **READER**

We pray for Pope Francis and all church leaders, that their call for us to rediscover the love and compassion of the heart of Jesus will animate the healing mission of the church. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for world leaders, that respect for the dignity of all and service of the common good would underpin their challenging deliberations. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the staff and volunteers of humanitarian agencies working in theatres of war, especially in Ukraine, Sudan and the Middle East, that their safety under international law will be fully protected. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the dioceses and parishes of the Australian Church, that the reflections and recommendations of the Synod on Synodality will be taken to heart and put into practice. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who are held in prisons and detention centres, that today's Prison Sunday will help uphold the dignity of the incarcerated and that the justice system would moves towards positive reform. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for gambling addicts and problem gamblers, that strong action to limit gambling advertising will give them a chance to regain control over their lives. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently, those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, and all whose deaths in war or peacekeeping are mourned on Remembrance Day, that they will enjoy the fullness of salvation in Christ Jesus. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Almighty God, your Son did not cling to his equality with you but became like us, even unto death. Give us the freedom to pour out our lives in love as he did. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.