

PRESIDER

Dear friends, today as we listen Jesus reveals his mission of healing and liberation. Moved by his prophetic Spirit, let us pray for a world made new.

READER

We pray for peace in Gaza, that the ceasefire will allow humanitarian aid to reach those most in need of food, shelter and medical care. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Pope Francis and all church leaders, that they be Spirit-filled prophets of a new heaven and a new earth. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who dwell in this ancient land, that today's national observance will be an opportunity to give thanks for our blessings, reconcile our differences and commit ourselves afresh to work for the common good. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for children, parents and teachers at the start of this new school year, that it will be a rewarding year of discovery, growth and achievement. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our parish and faith community, that we will give thanks for being one body in Christ, blessed with the many gifts of the Spirit. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that the joy of the Lord will be their strength forever. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of all goodness, by the power of your Spirit you make all things new in Christ. Help us renew the face of the earth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.