

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus calls on his disciples to be clear-eyed, honest and good-hearted. In that spirit, let us offer our prayers to God for the wellbeing of the world.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis, that he will regain the health and strength he needs to lead the church on the path of synodality and service. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for the baptised people of God, that the light of Christ will dispel all darkness from their hearts and guide them on the way of truth. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for those who wield influence in the world of social media, that they will refuse to spread misinformation or sow division but will commit themselves to uphold truth and love. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for women around the world, that this year's International Women's Day (8 March) will hasten an end to discrimination and disadvantage and enable them to flourish. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for children preparing for first reconciliation that they receive this healing sacrament, knowing that forgiveness and saying sorry brings healing. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for our parish community as Lent approaches that all members will be inspired this year to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. (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 put on immortality and rejoice with God forever. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Good and faithful God, your Son Jesus showed us the way to true life. Give us the freedom of heart to follow him each day. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.