

## **PRESIDER**

Dear friends, we have become a covenant people in the saving blood of Christ. In communion with him, let us pray for all to enjoy the blessings of God's reign among us.

## **READER**

We pray for the whole church, that the baptised faithful will realise their glory as a chosen people, a royal priesthood and a holy nation, called to proclaim God's mighty works. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Christian communities deprived of the eucharist for lack of an ordained minister, that church reform will respond to their hunger for the bread of life. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for people in every place where blood is being shed out of anger, hate, revenge or the lust for power, that their hopes for peace and freedom will never be extinguished. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the indigenous peoples of Australia, that Monday's/tomorrow's observance of Mabo Day (3 June) will honour their spiritual and cultural ties with the land, its waters and its creatures. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all members of parish St Vincent de Paul groups, that Friday's feast of the Sacred Heart (7 June) will help provide them with the goods they need to serve the poor. (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 they will be led with joy to their place at the banquet of eternal life. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God, our Creator and Provider, you sealed your covenant of love with us in the blood of Christ. Strengthen us day by day with the bread of life and cup of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.