

PRESIDER

Dear friends, with compassion and power Jesus healed the leper and ended his isolation. Let us pray for the healing of our wounded and fractured world.

READER

We pray on this World Day of the Sick for the February intention of Pope Francis, that all who suffer in mind, body or spirit would be supported lovingly in their need. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for an end to the bloodshed in Gaza, Ukraine and every place of war, that humanitarian aid be delivered and recovery begun. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for Christians in the growing number of nations actively hostile to their faith, that they will draw strength from God's Spirit and our solidarity with them. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for our parish community, that Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent will call us to truly repent and believe in the gospel. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who bring joy to our lives and raise our spirits, that their gift of grace will inspire us to love more freely and be united in hope. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be led safely to eternal life by Christ the good shepherd. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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All-loving God, you made us in your image and brought us to new birth in Christ. Send us out in his name to heal the sick. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.