

PRESIDER

Dear friends, to those who set their hearts on the reign of God above all else Jesus promises life in abundance. Let us pray for all our sisters and brothers to be blessed with that gift.

READER

We pray for Christian churches near and far, that they will all be lively communities of wisdom, freedom of spirit, and generosity of heart. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the powerless caught in the cross-fire of brutal warfare in so many lands, that their unfathomable misery will be brought to an end and hope be reborn. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods in deadly storms and floods in many lands, that their tragic losses will persuade the world to take decisive action on global warming. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the people of Australia, that the visit of King Charles and Queen Camilla (18-26 October) will prompt reflection on our strengths, challenges and responsibilities as a nation. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for children, teachers and families in this final term of the school year, that all will grow in wisdom and the love of learning. (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 inherit the kingdom promised to the poor in spirit. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of all wisdom, in the teaching of Jesus you have revealed your desire for us to flourish. Give us the courage and freedom to choose life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.