

PRESIDER

Dear friends, the risen Lord has greeted us with peace and commissioned us to preach forgiveness to all nations. We join together in praying for healing and freedom for all humankind.

READER

We pray for the world-wide community of faith, that by lives of love Christians everywhere will bear joyful witness to Christ's victory over sin and death. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the human family in these times of rupture and division, that by the grace of God a new spirit of hope will free all people to work together for peace. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for an end to words and actions that belittle and dehumanise others, that every human being will receive the respect that is their right as a child of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for young people struggling to cope with mental illness, that they will be blessed with the support of family, friends and professional services. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the parents of young and adolescent children, that they will delight in seeing them grow and flourish. (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 by their Good Shepherd to the banquet of eternal life. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Mighty God and fount of mercy, you have reconciled us to yourself in Christ. Make our hearts burn with love for you. We ask this through the same Christ, our risen Lord.