

PRESIDER

Dear friends, keeping company with Jesus the Christ and the Lamb of God, let us pray for his truth and grace to bless the entire world.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis, bishop of Rome and shepherd of the church. May he always be a sure and faithful apostle of Jesus Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray in thanksgiving for all who have led us to Jesus. May we never cease to encourage each other to seek his face. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all peace-loving people caught up in wars not of their making, in Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, Sudan, Myanmar and Yemen. May those who are negotiating for peace hasten an end to their suffering. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the tidal wave of people abandoning their homeland in desperation because of war, poverty and climate change. May the world community work together to give them shelter and security. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the flood-affected people of Queensland. May they receive the emergency help they need now and long-term support to recover and rebuild. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they be raised to eternal glory. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Gracious God, you have revealed your wisdom and love to us in Jesus your Son. Keep us true to him. We ask this through Christ our Lord.