

PRESIDER

Dear friends, by way of the cross, Jesus disarmed sin and death and freed us for lives of selfless love. In his name, let us pray for all our sisters and brothers to find the path of life.

READER

We pray for Christian communities around the world, that all who have been baptised in Christ will boldly confess their faith in him and follow him with all their hearts. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for the family of humankind, that in every land people will hear and heed the cry of earth and the cry of poor. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for ethnic communities suffering systematic discrimination at the hands of dominant powers, that they will succeed in preserving and handing on their cultural heritage. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for parents accompanying young adults through their years of sexual development, that with wisdom and love they will guide them towards a healthy sexuality. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for our parish community, that the faith we share will bear fruit in good works, and our good works will keep our faith strong. (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 by the power of the cross they will be raised to eternal life. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Almighty God, you delivered your Son from the snares of death and raised him on high. Give us the courage to take up our cross and trust in your power to save. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.