

PRESIDER

Dear friends, baptised in Christ and anointed by the Holy Spirit, let us pray with love for the whole human family.

READER

We pray for all who have been baptised in Christ. May they delight in their dignity as the children of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those preparing the agenda for this year's synod on synodality. May they attend fully and seriously to the voice of the lay faithful. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for artists of every kind. May their creative gifts fire our imaginations and feed our hopes for a new and better world. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the people of Ukraine and all who suffer grievously from the brutality of war. May their tragic misery persuade aggressors to end their violence. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for pastoral associates serving in Australian parishes. May they be valued for their faithful ministry of care and compassion. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased, especially Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they take their place with all the saints in the kingdom of heaven. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Loving God, in Christ you have made us your beloved daughters and sons. Keep us true to our calling. We ask this through Christ our Lord.