

PRESIDER

Dear friends, whenever we meet in Jesus' name, seeds of divine wisdom are sown in our hearts. In union with Jesus, let us pray for the whole world to flourish with wisdom.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis, bishop of Rome, and all bishops of local churches, that they will be great tellers of the Christian story for the world to hear. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the 130 million forcibly displaced or stateless people in the world, that this Refugee Week will persuade more and more nations to share the responsibility of providing them with shelter, safety and sustenance. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are sowing mustard seeds of peace in Israel and Palestine, and in every place of terrible warfare, that their humble efforts will bring results beyond imagining. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the children of Sudan, that the international community will provide the aid needed to avert the famine engulfing their land and its peoples. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for prisoners released on parole, especially those who have served long sentences for serious crimes, that they will be well accompanied in their adjustment to life and work in society. (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 gladly take their place with all the saints in the courts of heaven. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of all wisdom, you never cease revealing to us the mystery of your love. Help us put that love to work in our care for one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord.