

PRESIDER

My dear sisters and brothers, on the mount of transfiguration the apostles saw the glory of Jesus. Drawn into their vision, let us pray for all people to see the grace of God at work in the world.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis that he may feel the presence of Jesus with him as he continues to suffer so much and that the prayer of the Church will bring him comfort. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Christian communities around the world, that all the baptised will listen keenly to God's Chosen One and take his words to heart. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who feel overwhelmed by the pain and suffering of the world, that the faithful love of family and friends will dispel the despondency that weighs on their hearts. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Australian community, that Harmony Day (21 March) this week will help strengthen our solidarity as we celebrate the diverse cultures that enrich the nation. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our parish community, that this week's feasts of Saints Patrick and Joseph will gladden our hearts and inspire our Lenten observance. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray, that as we gather for this Eucharist, we will in our hearts, have the same emotion as St Peter: *Master, it is wonderful for us to be here*. (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 their mortal bodies will be transfigured with the glory of Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Lord of light and salvation, we seek your face, ever visible in the person of the poor and vulnerable, that we may serve you, through them, with dedication. Through Christ our Lord.