

## **PRESIDER**

Dear friends, faced with rejection and death, Jesus prayed with his whole being for the strength to fulfil his mission. In union with him, let us pray with all our hearts for God's saving work to be accomplished.

## **READER**

We pray for God's faithful people, that in company with Jesus they will be as grains of wheat that die and yield a rich harvest of life. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who are engaged in negotiations for peace in places of war, that their patient persistence will bring an end to bloodshed and open the way to a just future. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for Caritas Australia, that our generous support for Project Compassion will enable it to maintain its partnerships with agencies of justice and development around the world. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who lead lives of quiet desperation in our midst, that the caring outreach of the community will lead them from loneliness to the companionship they need. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for our parish community, that the joyful celebration of Sunday eucharist will keep renewing the new and everlasting covenant made for us by Jesus' saving death. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently, remembering with particular affection Archbishop Francis Carroll, and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they be lifted up with Jesus to the glory of everlasting life. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Life-giving God, you heard the pleas of your Son and raised him out of death. Listen to our prayers and renew our faith in your power to save. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.