

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus let his glory be seen at the wedding feast in Cana and his disciples believed in him. With Mary's faith in Jesus, let us pray for the power of divine love to change the world.

READER

We pray for world leaders, especially the incoming President of the United States. May they use their power to promote peace among nations, the care of the planet and the wellbeing of the human family. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the people of God around the world. May their everyday lives be inspired by the Gospel and radiate the glory of God for all to see. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the parishes and dioceses of the church in Australia. May each one be a community of faith in which the many gifts of the Spirit are encouraged to flourish. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who have lost homes and livelihoods in bushfires. May they be heartened by the support of their local community and by the provision of emergency relief. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for couples preparing for marriage. May they use this time well to lay the foundation for a loving, faithful and life-long partnership. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they see God face to face and rejoice in glory forever. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Joyous God, in Jesus your Son you united heaven and earth, flesh and spirit. Draw us ever more deeply into this mystery of your eternal love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.