

**PRIEST**

Dear friends, Jesus calls his followers to be servants of all. In that spirit let us pray for the needs of the world.

**READER**

For Pope Francis, all bishops, and leaders in every sphere of public life, that they will put their power at the service of the common good. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For peace-makers and aid-workers in places of chronic violence, that their selfless service will open pathways of hope, especially for women and children. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the unsung heroes of the COVID pandemic, that their daily work of civic service will earn the gratitude of the whole community. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For those most vulnerable to the psychological and economic cost of the pandemic, that they will receive the support they need to cope. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who suffer from any form of dementia, that they will be cared for with much love and patience. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Holy God, your Son Jesus showed us the way of servanthood. Deliver us from ambition and confirm us in humble service. We ask this through Christ our Lord.