

PRESIDER

Dear friends, moved with compassion for the crowd, Jesus fed them with his saving word. In union with him, let us open our hearts and lovingly pray for our needy world.

READER

We pray for all who are commissioned as pastors of God's people, that that they will be true and faithful shepherds for those entrusted to their care.

(Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the world's nations, that at this time of widespread uncertainty, division and instability they will work together for global peace and for the health of the planet. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for scientists and citizens working to save nature's endangered species, that their dedication will encourage us all to cherish and care for God's manifold creatures. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who are struggling with the pain of divorce, separation or failed friendship, that they will find the strength they need to regain confidence and rebuild their lives. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for chaplains to gaols, hospitals, schools, the defence forces, youth groups and ethnic communities, that they will undertake their special ministry with energy and joy. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for our faith community, that all members will be blessed with the peace of Christ and the grace of the Spirit. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be shepherded by Christ to the banquet of eternal life. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Holy God, by the cross of Christ you have broken down the walls of division and called us together in peace. Send us forth as prophets and apostles of your reign. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen