

## **PRESIDER**

Dear friends, Jesus calls us to take his good news to heart and find life in him. In response, let us pray for the reign of God to come in our hearts and in our world.

## **READER**

We pray for the world-wide people of God, that the love and joy they share will manifest the reign of God proclaimed by Jesus. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the human family, that the many crises the world faces will not lead us to passive resignation but will spur us to hope-filled action. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those engaged in negotiations to end brutal bloodshed in Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa, that they will not rest until ceasefires are achieved. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all guardians of nature, that their love of the world in which we live will inspire us to play our part in caring for the earth, our common home. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the First Peoples of Australia and all who have made their home in this ancient land, that this week's Australia Day observances will promote justice, unity and respect. (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 they will take their place in the heavenly kingdom with all the angels and saints. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of all mercy and compassion, you destined us and all creation to share in your eternal love. Sustain us in hope as we make our way to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.