

PRESIDER

Dear friends, in union with Jesus who served and suffered for the life of the world, let us pray for our sisters and brothers in need.

READER

We pray for the leaders of all Christian communities, that like Jesus they will be servants and true shepherds for all in their care, especially young children. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those young parishioners celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend. May they be nourished often at the Lord's table and be a channel of love and peace after the example of their parents. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the crews of merchant ships transporting cargo to the nations of the world, that their love of home and family will stay strong through their long absences at sea. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who have succumbed to gambling addiction and suffered financial loss and the breakdown of relationships, that they will find the support they need to break the habit and rebuild their lives. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for students preparing for final exams at schools, colleges and universities, that they will do justice to their knowledge and progress towards a fulfilling career. (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 share to the full in the glory of Christ. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

PRESIDER

Eternal and ever-present God, you sent your Son among us to be servant of all. Set us free from false ambition and deepen our desire to care for one another. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.