

## **PRESIDER**

My dear Sisters and Brothers, in everything he said and did, Jesus showed God's boundless compassion. Blessed by his mercy, let us pray with generous love for neighbour and stranger alike.

## **READER**

We pray for Pope Francis that he receives the gift of healing at this time so that he can continue to lead the Church during this Jubilee year of Hope. Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all deacons of the church in this Year of Jubilee, that through their ministry of word, sacrament and service they will be joyful witnesses of hope in the heart of the world. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for the family of nations, that a new generation of leaders who shun blind ambition, historic rivalry and empire-building will arise and work together for world peace. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for all who have been harmed by others' hatred and violence, that by the grace of God they will be freed from the dark desire for revenge and show mercy and forgiveness. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for communities traumatised by brutal warfare, especially the peoples of the Middle East, Ukraine, the Congo and Sudan, that their cries of pain and grief will compel leaders to end hostilities and negotiate for peace. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for those who have died recently . . . . , and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will receive the gift of eternal life from the God of all goodness. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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All-loving God, the well of your mercy never runs dry. Help us draw deeply from it to quench the thirst of all who long for pardon and peace. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.