

## **PRESIDER**

Dear friends, in the power of the Spirit Jesus proclaimed the saving rule of God. Let us pray for the whole world to be made new.

## **READER**

For Pope Francis, bishops, preachers, catechists and all ministers of God's word, that they will effectively communicate the joy of the Gospel. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the people of Australia, that this week's observance of Australia Day will widen their embrace for the sake of individual dignity and justice. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For peoples suffering severe and prolonged drought, especially in Eastern Africa, that the world community will provide the food supplies they desperately need. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For teachers, that Friday's International Day of Education (24 January) will affirm the invaluable role they play in enriching children's lives, especially in the pandemic. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For this parish community, that all gifts of Spirit will be welcomed and will build up the body of Christ. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that their hopes for eternal life will be fully realised. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Mighty God, by your Word all things came to life. By the power of your Spirit help speak your life-giving Word to the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.