

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus chose the way of the cross, not the path of glory, that he might lead us to life. Let us pray for the whole of creation to become fully alive in him.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis and all Christian leaders and the communities they serve, that this week's solemn celebrations of the paschal mystery will reinvigorate their faith and discipleship. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the whole human family, that the example of Jesus' non-violence will call everyone to work untiringly for peace and reconciliation. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for donors to Project Compassion, that our support for the work of Caritas Australia and its partners will not be confined to Lent but will continue throughout the year. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the many women subject to or at risk of domestic violence, that campaigns to eliminate male aggression will make their home a safe place for them and their children. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for our Transfiguration parish community, that these days of Holy Week will inspire us to follow ever more closely in the footsteps of Jesus, our way, our truth and our life. (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 forever acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord to the glory of God the Father. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Holy God and Father of Jesus, you sent your Son among us to break the bonds of sin and death. Give us the courage to follow him always. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.