

PRIEST

Dear friends, courage and faith brought sight back to Bartimaeus. With his determined conviction let us pray for the healing of our world.

READER

For Pope Francis and his call for a synodal Church discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit, that we would listen to one another with the ears of our hearts. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all taking part in next week's climate summit in Glasgow (31 October – 12 November), that they will pledge to take the actions needed to protect the earth, our common home. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For disadvantaged countries and communities, that they will be given a just share of vaccines and resources to deal with the COVID pandemic. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, that prayerful reflection will give rise to motions to further the mission of the Church in Australia and afford impetus to other nations to discern likewise. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For students and staff returning to school or continuing with remote learning, that they will be enriched by addressing the challenges of the pandemic. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are responsible for workplace safety, that they will ensure that all employees are protected from bullying, harassment and exploitation. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will see God face to face and live with joy for ever. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Saving God, you have revealed yourself to us in Christ. Open our eyes to see him in the face of the widow, the orphan and the stranger. We ask this through Christ our Lord.