

PRESIDER

Dear friends, with the apostle Peter we hold fast to our faith in Jesus, the Word of Life. Let us pray in his name for the life of the world.

READER

We pray for all who proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that their words will be charged with his spirit and life. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Australian Church on this Social Justice Sunday, that it will demonstrate the truth and peace of God's Word in our violent world. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are preparing to take part in the Paralympics in Paris, that they will inspire the world with their skills, courage and fellowship. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for children maimed and traumatised in places of pitiless warfare, that they will receive the loving care they need to be delivered from bitterness, hate or despair. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for husbands and wives, that the grace of marriage will sustain them on the path of love, in good times and in bad, all the days of their lives. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will follow the Son of Man into eternal life. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Holy God, you never cease to draw us into the love you share with Christ Jesus your Son. Free us from fear and confirm us in faith. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord.