

PRIEST

Dear friends, gathered in the Spirit of Jesus, let us pray for a new heaven and a new earth.

READER

We pray for the world-wide people of God, that all who have been anointed in the Spirit will bear prophetic witness to the call of Jesus. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray on this Migrants and Refugees Sunday for all who have left their homelands, that they will summon us to affirm our common humanity. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all participants in the upcoming Plenary Council, that they will have the freedom to listen faithfully and speak from a place of prayerful reflection. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for older persons in our families and communities, that this week's day of honour (1 October) will lead to deeper appreciation of their gifts and dignity. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for parents, children, and teachers, that these school holidays will be a time of rest and renewal, even in COVID restrictions. (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 enter the fulness of the kingdom of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of mercy and power, you cast down the proud and raise up the lowly. Give us the freedom to follow your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.