

PRESIDER

Dear friends, inspired by the power and truth of Jesus' teaching, let us pray with confidence for all our sisters and brothers in need.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis and all who have been designated as teachers of faith, that they will be credible witnesses to the good news announced by Jesus. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for leaders choosing to wage war on neighbouring nations, that they will be delivered from the demonic spirits driving them to ruthless bloodshed. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the women of Afghanistan and every nation which deprives women of freedom and education, that they will stay strong and united in claiming their human rights. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all partners in marriage and committed relationships, that the faithful love they share will deepen, not lessen, their desire to live the gospel to the full. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for children, parents and teachers, that they will enjoy a smooth and happy start to the new school year. (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 be led through the darkness of death to the light of eternal glory. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Holy God, you never cease to bless us with the light of Christ. Help to walk always as children of the light. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.