

PRIEST

Dear friends, the word of God calls us to live from our hearts and care for those in need. In faith and love let us pray for the needy of the world.

READER

We pray for the whole people of God, that this Social Justice Sunday will set us in right relationship with God our Creator, the whole human family and all of creation. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the people of Afghanistan, especially its young girls and women, that they will be able to sustain their hopes for freedom and justice, even under the Taliban regime. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Afghani refugees in Australia, that they will be given the permanent protection so long denied them. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all whose physical and mental health and livelihoods are suffering extreme stress from COVID-19, that community care and cooperation will give them fresh heart. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the families of veterans who have lost their lives or their health as a result of active service, that the work of Legacy will assure them of the support they need. (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 be the first-fruits of the new creation. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God and Father of light, you have brought us to birth in the truth. Help us shed the light of your truth wherever we go. We ask this through Christ our Lord.