

PRESIDER

Dear friends, for those who turn to him in faith, Jesus offers healing and life. Let us pray for the whole world to find fulfilling life in him.

READER

We pray for Christian communities in every land, that they may be families of faith in which all can find healing, wholeness and hope. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for baptised believers in historic lands where their communities have shrunk and are in decline, that their steadfast faith will give rise to new growth and vitality. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the young Australians losing hope in ever securing affordable housing, that their plight will spur effective action to overcome generational inequity. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the police and all whose work is to keep the community safe, that they will hold fast to their ideals of service and be respected for their role. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who grieve the loss of loved ones, that they will treasure their memories, find peace of heart, and dare to trust in the future. (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 awakened from the sleep of death to the dawn of eternal life. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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All-loving God, you never cease to bless us with the gift of life. Open our hearts in generous love for all that you have made. We ask this through Christ our Lord.