

PRIEST

Dear friends, by his saving death Jesus has laid open the gates of glory. Following him in faith, let us pray for all our sisters and brothers.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis, that his vision of a thoroughly synodal church will come to fulfilment in every land. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all creatures of the earth, that Monday's feast of St Francis of Assisi will bring to light the interconnection of all life on the planet. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Catholic community in Australia, that the Plenary Council will sow seeds of renewal, reform and revitalisation in every parish and diocese. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for married couples, that the covenant of love they have made with each other will be life-long and life-giving. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for one another, that we will have the grace to welcome the kingdom of God as little children. (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 share to the full in the glory of Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of wisdom, you made all things in love. Help us to cherish creation and to love each other with all our strength. We ask this through Christ our Lord.