

PRESIDER

Dear friends, in word and action Jesus constantly announced the good news of God's boundless mercy. Let us place our wayward world in God's kindly hands.

READER

We pray for the human family, that all who have lost their way in life may find and take the path of hope and love again. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the church, that it will repent of all conduct that has betrayed the Gospel, confess its sins, and humbly seek forgiveness. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are negotiating ceasefires in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and all places of ruthless bloodshed that they will achieve agreements that can lead to lasting peace. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the international community, that today's United Nations Day of Zero Waste will encourage a global commitment to reduce waste and live sustainably. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for health workers of every kind, that in this Jubilee Year of Hope they will help the sick stay strong and steadfast in spirit. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Caritas Australia's partners in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, that our support for Project Compassion will ensure young women there receive the vocational training that enables them to support their families. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for parents and children who have become painfully estranged, that by the grace of God they can be reconciled and reunited. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the children celebrating their first reconciliation, may this healing sacrament help them to grow in forgiveness and love. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased, especially, Gabriele Wright, and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be made new in Christ and become the goodness of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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All-forgiving God, you reconciled the world to yourself in Christ. Fill us with your empowering spirit that we may be ambassadors of your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.