

PRESIDER

Dear friends, the saving word that God has planted in our hearts impels us to care for one another. Let us open our hearts in prayer for all who are in need.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis, that he will sow seeds of hope and solidarity throughout his missionary visit to our northern neighbours, Indonesia, Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea and Singapore. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers and all father figures, that Father's Day will be an occasion of joy and thanksgiving, and wherever necessary, forgiveness and healing. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us

We pray for the grieving mothers of Ukraine and Russia, Palestine and Israel, and every place of war, that they will withstand the pain of losing their beloved daughters and sons. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us

We pray for church leaders and communities undergoing severe hostility from autocratic leaders in Central and South America, that their faith in Jesus will keep them strong and true. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us

We pray for residents in aged care facilities, that for the rest of their lives they will be looked after with respect, kindness and compassion. (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 welcomed by the Father of light into the glory of heaven. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of all wisdom and love, you shed the light of your word deep in our hearts. Draw us forth from the shadow of sin and death to walk always in your light. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.