

PRESIDER

Dear friends, meeting in the light of Christ, let us pray for our world to be freed from the shadow of death.

READER

For Pope Francis and all who heed the call of the ancient prophets, that their voices be heard for the good of all peoples. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the bishops of Oceania, that their assembly this week to prepare for the Synod on Synodality (5-10 February) will be charged with the Holy Spirit. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have been named as Australians of the Year, that their outstanding service to the community will inspire many to make this world a better place. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all students commencing tertiary studies this month, that they will have every opportunity to grow in knowledge, wisdom and life-enriching skills. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are suffering ill health, that this week's World Day of the Sick (11 February) will assure them of the community's care and prayerful support. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will live forever in the light of heavenly glory. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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God ever just and true, you never cease to raise up the lowly and heal the broken-hearted. Send us forth to be salt of the earth and light of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.