

PRESIDER

Dear friends, in union God's Beloved Son Jesus, let us pray for our world to be filled with divine glory.

READER

We pray for missionaries who like Abraham have heard God's call to leave their homeland, that they sow seeds of gospel joy wherever they are sent. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the grief-stricken people of Turkey and Syria, and for our neighbours in New Zealand, that they will receive all the support they need to recover and rebuild. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Ukrainian and Russian parents whose soldier sons have been killed in battle, that the grief they share may bear fruit in peace. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for women around the world, that this year's International Women's Day (8 March) will help secure the equity they seek. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation in Western Sydney, that our giving to Project Compassion will enable its members to keep supporting mothers and 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 enjoy the life and immortality proclaimed by Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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All-loving God, you called Jesus your Beloved Son, and he spoke to you as 'Abba, Father'. Draw us ever more deeply into the love you share. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.