

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus presents us with God's age-old ideal of lifelong fidelity in marriage. With trust in God's pledge of love for us, let us pray for the world to be graced with mercy, healing and kindness.

READER

We pray for all taking part in the Synod on Synodality, that Friday's anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council (11 October) will be a source of inspiration for them. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for married couples and all in committed relationships, that they will be blessed with the gift of faithful love and wherever necessary with the balm of forgiveness. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We for our parish renewal, that our reflections and the sharing of our gifts will enhance the dynamism of our faith community. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all nations to abolish the death penalty, that those guilty of serious crime may have the opportunity to repent and the innocent be saved from unjust execution. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the scavengers who eke out a living from the rubbish tips of the world, that they will find their way to work that is healthy and justly paid. (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 crowned with the glory and splendour of Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, **hear us.**

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Faithful God, you made us in your own image and re-made us in Christ. Help us to be true to you and to one another. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.