

PRESIDER

Dear friends, after greeting them with peace, the Risen Lord sends his disciples forth on a mission of forgiveness. Let us commend our world to the mercy and goodness of God.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Christopher and all ministers of the Gospel, that they will be spirited apostles of peace and reconciliation in our fractured world. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the followers of Islam, that they will celebrate the end of Ramadan this week (9 April) with joy and thanksgiving. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the religious sisters of Australia, that as they grow fewer in number, they will continue to bear prophetic witness to the joy of the Gospel. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for chaplains in hospitals, aged care facilities and nursing homes, that they will be gracious ministers of God's loving-kindness for all. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our parish community, that tomorrow's feast of the Annunciation (8 April) will inspire us to join Mary in her unreserved yes to God's invitation to love. (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 blessed with the eternal life promised us by Jesus. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Loving God, you bring us to new birth in the water and blood of Jesus. Keep us true to his name. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.