

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus embraces as his own those who devote themselves to God's will. As his family in faith, let us pray with him for God's blessing on all humankind.

READER

We pray for all preachers of the Gospel, that they will bear joyful witness to the divine love that makes all things new. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all ministers of reconciliation, that by God's grace they will set sinners free from guilt and shame and lay open for them the path of love. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for peace-makers in every place of bloodshed, that the terrible toll of war may be brought to an end and a future of peaceful co-existence made possible. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the multitude of children still being forced into slave labour, that this criminal exploitation will be exposed and eliminated. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who live with a disability and those who help care for them, that they will have all the support they need to flourish and contribute to the common good. (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 inherit the eternal glory revealed in Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Ever-living God, you created humankind in your image and likeness and made us altogether new in Christ. Be with us always on our way home to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.