

PRESIDER

My dear sisters and brothers, as we make our way through this season of repentance and renewal, Jesus calls on us to turn to God. Let us place our world in God's patient and merciful hands.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis that his health will continue to improve and that his trust in God will generate hope in the hearts of all people of goodwill. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Church, that it will be purified this Lent to be a sacrament of salvation and a beacon of life for all the world to see. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for priests in this Jubilee Year of Hope, that they will truly be missionaries of God's mercy amid the communities they serve. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for world leaders, that they will renounce imperial ambitions and choose to work together for the good of humanity and the health of the planet. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Caritas Australia's partners in Vietnam, that with support from Project Compassion their I-Shine project will enable young people with disabilities to fulfil their dreams. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our faith community, that this week's feast of the Annunciation of the Lord (25 March) will inspire us to lay open our lives to God's work as Mary did. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased, especially, Helen Crennan and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will see God face to face in the heavenly Jerusalem. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of all mercy, through your Son Jesus you never cease to call us to a new and more abundant life. Come to our aid and set us free from fear. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.