

## PRESIDER

Dear friends, this holy night/day is radiant with the glory of the risen Lord. Let us pray for the light of the Risen Lord to shine healing rays upon our wounded world.

## READER

We pray for the whole human family that in this time of global turmoil nations will come together in a solidarity of hope, friendship and common purpose. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for the church that in every place lively communities of Easter faith will display the joy of the gospel and radiate God's life-giving love. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for young believers, that next weekend's Jubilee of Hope for teenagers will be a joyful celebration of their faith in Jesus, Lord of life and love. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for the many whose life is a daily struggle of survival in places of violence, hunger and hardship, that their cries for help will bring the relief they so desperately need. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for the people of Australia and New Zealand, that this week's Anzac Day observance will unite them in remembrance of the fallen and in hope for peace on earth. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for the voters of Australia, that they will consider the candidates and their policies carefully and vote for those best suited to lead the nation wisely and well. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for those who have died recently . . . . , and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be raised to life by the Lord whose love has no end. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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God of power and might, you raised your Son from the shame of the cross to the glory of heaven. Draw us ever more deeply into his victory over sin and death. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.