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Dear friends, the risen Lord met his fear-filled disciples with a greeting of peace and sent them on a mission of mercy. As we mourn the death of Pope Francis and give thanks for his mission of mercy, let us pray for the human family in all its need around the world.

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That Pope Francis, called to the heavenly pilgrimage by the Lord, may rejoice forever at the banquet table of heaven, we pray to the Lord.

That Pope Francis, who served the Church as Supreme Pontiff for twelve years, may worship God for ever in the liturgy of heaven, we pray to the Lord.

That the tireless efforts of Pope Francis to proclaim the mercy and compassion of God, now called to the Lord, may bear fruit in our outreach, quest for peace and mission to love among all men and women, we pray to the Lord.

We pray for all humanity, that people everywhere will be drawn together in the solidarity proclaimed by Pope Francis in his universal letter “On Fraternity and Social Friendship” (Fratelli Tutti). (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for journalists and publishers, that this week’s World Press Freedom Day (3 May) will underscore the importance of their work, especially in the many places where they are in peril of imprisonment and death. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for all who have yet to vote in the federal election, that they will cast their ballot conscientiously for a just society and the good of all. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for people living with disability, that the Jubilee of Hope for them this week will affirm their true dignity and encourage them to live life to the full. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for parents, teachers and school students, that the second term of the school year will be a shared experience of discovery and development. (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 gain eternal life through the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

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God of boundless mercy, you never cease to call us to new and more abundant life. Free us from fear and bless us with peace. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.