

PRESIDER

Dear friends, forgiven by Jesus and stirred by his Spirit, the apostles bore bold witness to the gospel. Trusting in the saving power of the risen Lord, let us pray for the needs of the world.

READER

We pray for the poor, for migrants and refugees, for all without power or voice, and everyone for whom Pope Francis was a tireless advocate, that their claims for justice, dignity and peace will be heard and fulfilled. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the church, that the whole community of faith will advance together on the path of synodality laid open by Pope Francis. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the voting members of the college of cardinals, that their consideration of the next Bishop of Rome and Pastor of the global church will be guided truly by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for workers in this Jubilee Year of Hope, that they will be assured of safe working conditions, fair pay, and the opportunity to build a better world. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who have been elected to Parliament in yesterday's federal election, that they will serve the nation with integrity, diligence and care for the common good. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased, especially Pope Francis, . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will join the heavenly chorus forever acclaiming the Lamb of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Holy God, your risen Son gave mercy and peace to those who failed him. Free us from fear, take away our shame, and send us out in Jesus' name. We ask this through him, the heavenly Lamb, our risen Lord, for ever and ever.