

PRESIDER

Dear friends, amid his warnings of turmoil and trial, Jesus assures us of God's protection and encourages us to stay strong. With steadfast faith let us pray for our troubled world.

READER

We pray for Pope Leo that his pleas for the poor will not fall on deaf ears, but rather stir the conscience of every person to act with justice, truth and compassion.. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the countless innocent people caught up in wars not of their making, that their tragic suffering will come to an end and healing can begin. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the world's poorest peoples most at risk from the extremes of climate change, that wealthy and powerful nations will agree on effective steps to limit global warming. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for children around the world, that this week's United Nations Children's Day (20 November) will celebrate their progress and spur investment in their needs. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the organisers and attendees at the upcoming **Australian Catholic Youth Festival** (30 Nov-2 Dec), that the event will be an inspiring celebration of faith, hope and love. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the many who feel constant loneliness and isolation, that they will find a way to connect with supportive friends and a welcoming community. (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 their endurance will win them the crown of glory. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Almighty God, you have shown us that the poor witness to a strong and steadfast hope for they can rely on nothing else but you. Give us the grace to learn from them, and with their companionship unite us in your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.