

**PRESIDER**

Dear sisters and brothers, with the advent of Jesus, our Emmanuel, so close at hand, let us pray for salvation to dawn brightly upon our waiting world.

**READER**

We pray for Australia's Jewish community at this time of tragic loss, that their grief and pain will be eased in time by pledges of support from the whole nation. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Pope Leo and all who preach the good news, that like the apostle Paul they will tirelessly proclaim the saving name of Jesus across the face of the earth. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for believers who have lost faith in God, that they will still be guided by their hearts' wisdom and lead lives of generous love. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our war-torn world, that in every place of injustice, hate and bloodshed the grace of God will open pathways to peace. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for communities around the globe overwhelmed by storms, floods or fires, that nations will swiftly provide aid and respond together to nature's cry of distress. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for young people in Australia facing generational inequality, especially with housing, that they will be determined advocates for a just society. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for expectant parents, that they will look forward to their child's birth with great hope and love. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently . . . , and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will rejoice for ever in God's presence with all the saints. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Heavenly Father, the earth and its fulness, and all people of every language belong to you. Renew the grace of all creation through your Son, Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever.