

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus offers all of us the riches of God's realm, an abundance of love, mercy and peace. Let us pray for the whole of humankind to be blest with this divine gift.

READER

We pray that the appeals of Pope Leo on behalf of refugees, whose lives are in constant danger because of war and violence and are reduced to poverty and hunger, be heard by the leaders of nations. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the church in every land, that all its agencies and institutions will ensure their resources are put unreservedly at the service of the Gospel. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for nations, companies and individuals who have amassed great wealth, that they will hear and respond to the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who have suffered the trauma of violence, whether in theatres of war or behind closed doors, that this week's International Day of Non-Violence (2 October) will call the world to the peaceful resolution of conflict. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for school students and their families and teachers, that the Spring school holidays will be relaxing, refreshing and re-energising for them all. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for our parish community, that this week's feasts of the archangels (29 Sept), St Thérèse of Lisieux (1 Oct) and St Francis of Assisi (4 Oct) will be joyful occasions of devotion and praise. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently especially George Toth, and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will see God face to face and rejoice with the saints for ever. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Eternal God, give us the grace to recognize your Son, Jesus, in the person of the poor and needy, so that what we do for Him in them, will be grace for them and us. Through Christ our Lord.