

PRIEST

Dear friends, Jesus opens our ears to hear his word and our mouths to proclaim it. With faith in his healing power, let us pray for the world to be made whole.

READER

1. For children in our parishes and schools: may we all foster an environment of safety and protection where children flourish. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: **R/**
2. For those whose lives have been traumatised through abuse: that they may find the courage to share their story and to find lasting peace and healing. Help us to listen with open hearts, so that when children and adults at risk speak, they are truly heard. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: **R/**
3. During this Season of Creation, help us listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Show us how we are one part of your big, beautiful creation. Inspire us to speak and act with care for our common home. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: **R/**
4. For all who cannot read or write, that today's International Literacy Day will help them acquire these fundamental life skills and use them for mutual understanding and peace. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: **R/**
5. For those who are deaf or have a verbal disability, that teachers and practitioners of sign language will enable them to bridge the communication gap. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: **R/**
6. For the sick, especially Fr. Reece Beltrame, Brad Antrim, Cindy Tong, Karen Bell, Michael Zarew, Emily & Aladin Bautista, Sara Collodetti, John Ryan, David Brett, Anne-Maree Hone, Jaena Catingub, Nicola Ramsay, Michael Patane, Fr. Len Thomas, Keiran Flanagan and Julia. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: **R/**
7. For the recently deceased, those whose anniversary occurs around this time, and departed family and friends especially, Fr. Des Magennis, David Butler, Charles Baker, Domenico Greco, Vincenzo Greco, Alma Inverarity, Andrea Comerford, Gloria Patane, Jim Ryan, Nell Ryan and Winifred O'Keefe: may they become a wholly new creation in Christ. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: **R/**

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Ever-loving God, you make all things new in Christ. Send us forth in his name to tend the wounds of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.