

PRIEST

Dear friends, before returning to the Father, Jesus promises his disciples peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in his word, we pray for God's blessing on the church and the whole world.

READER

1. For all church leaders, that like the apostles and elders at the Council of Jerusalem they will heed the wisdom of the Spirit and guide the church on the way of the gospel. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
2. For the multitude of refugees in various countries of Africa, that they will be given safe shelter, life-saving nourishment and the hope of a place to call home. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
3. For all Australians, especially the land's First Peoples, that tomorrow's National Sorry Day and the start of Reconciliation Week will bring everyone together in remembrance of the past, acceptance of the present, and commitment to a shared future. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
4. For rural and regional communities experiencing severe drought and flood, that they will stay strong together and have their hardship eased by just and fair assistance. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
5. We pray our sick family and friends especially those mentioned in our Newsletter. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
6. For those who have died recently, all whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, and our own departed family and friends, especially, Bernadette Milesi, Ann-Maria Bono, Irene Catingub, Ernest Webber, Teresa Ginevra, Ronald Terrance Walpole, Chiarina Nastasi, Lisa Marinacci, John Ryan, Catherine Gilbo, Bedella Gilbo, Helen Jordan, Mariangela Stramandinoli, Jim Murphy, Anthony Connel, Graeme Baker: that they will be made at home in God's new heaven and new earth. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/

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Giver of all good gifts, Lord God, you make your home in all who keep the word of Jesus. Keep our minds and hearts open to the teaching of the Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen