

PRIEST: Lord, you call us to know you more closely and to be shaped by your friendship. We offer you our prayers, asking you to transform our lives and the world in which we live.

READER: We pray for Pope Leo and all Church leaders. Give them the courage and the words that they need to challenge injustice and to open people's hearts to recognise God's presence in everyone. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those who are suffering from the effects of earthquakes, droughts, crop failures, floods and wildfires. May they find the encouragement and support they need to rebuild their lives and homes. We remember especially, the people of Nepal and Tibet who have lost their lives, homes and possessions in the recent flash floods. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for farmers and growers who have been affected by the recent drought. May they receive the help, rain and resilience needed to restore harvests and livelihoods. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for world leaders. May they search for peaceful and just solutions to the many conflicts and problems facing countless people at this moment. May they listen to each other. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for children and young people, parents and teachers as the new academic year begins. May life be an adventure of discovery, learning and companionship in the days that lie ahead. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for those who have died recently: Tony Duffy, Pete Foley, Michael Joseph O'Mahony, Sonya O'Shea, Bob Dipple, Glynis Hawkins, Philip Gartland, Henry Oliver Price, James Harding, Helen Mary McGrath, Nicholas Ian Barnett, Susan Kelly, Reginald Harding, Geraldine McAndrew, Christopher Pedley and Julie Agnew. We also remember all those with anniversaries at this time. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We remember all who are sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound. We remember especially Father Pat Sayles, Angela Keating, Philomena Gallagher, Helen Brookes, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Father Michael White, Larry Perkins, Tom Duffy, Vito and Ledda Piccolo, Ronan Gosh, Mary Cassidy, Jess Stanton and Philomena Kenny. (Pause).

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Let us ask Our Lady, to pray with us: Hail Mary...Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions and for those intentions placed in the prayer box.

PRIEST: Lord of hope, fill us with your love. Show us the joy to be found in living with you and for you. We make our prayer through Jesus, your Son and our Brother, in the unity of your Holy Spirit of wisdom. Amen.