

PRESIDER

Dear friends, even the smallest seed of faith can bring great things to birth. Taking Jesus' words to heart, let us pray for a new world of justice, peace and love.

READER

We pray for Pope Leo and all church missionaries, that in this Jubilee Year of Hope they will fan into flame their gift of proclaiming Jesus' message of hope and liberation. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have chosen or been forced to leave their homeland, that today's World Day of Migrants and Refugees will encourage them to be 'missionaries of hope' for the whole human family. We pray Australia gives protection to refugees who are living here in destitution and uncertainty (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all carers of creation, that this week's World Habitat Day (6 October) will strengthen their resolve to keep the world liveable for all its creatures. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for a new spirit of public dialogue, that issues of social concern may be discussed and debated openly, safely and respectfully. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for counsellors and therapists, that this week's Mental Health Day (10 October) will give them fresh heart in their service to those who are troubled, especially the young. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the artists and authors who create children's literature, that they will fire the imaginations of the young with hope for a world of beauty, goodness and truth. (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 especially, Salvatore Servello; that God's Spirit of power and love will raise them to eternal life. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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All-embracing God, you never cease to renew the face of the earth. Enlarge our hearts, we pray, with love for all that you have made. We ask this through Christ our Lord.