

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus has taught us everything he learnt from the Father. Informed by this divine wisdom, let us pray for the whole world to live in the light of Christ.

READER

We pray for Pope Francis and the synod secretariat, that together they will lead the church into a new and fruitful era of synodality. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the baptised and spirited people of God, that the vitality of their faith will attract many into the family of Jesus' disciples. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the followers of all the great world faiths, that they will stand side by side and bear united witness to the transforming power of love in our divided world. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who will observe Holocaust Remembrance Day (6 May), that they will be moved to rid the world of hateful prejudice of every kind. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the millions of children who have known no other home than a refugee camp, that they will defy their disadvantage and claim the dignity that is rightly theirs. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will see God face to face and live in glory for ever. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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God of boundless love, you never cease to call us into your realm of light and life. Help us flourish there and bear good fruit for all. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.