PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: Daring, like Peter, to confess Jesus as the Christ, let us pray to the living God with trusting hearts.

LEADER:
We pray for Pope Francis, bishop of Rome, and all bishops and pastors, that they will bear constant and joyful witness to the Son of God.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders of nations, that they will promote world peace by renouncing the testing and storing of nuclear weapons.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our pray

We pray for the world community, that remembrance of the abolition of the slave trade will herald an end to human trafficking.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for all whose work or volunteering benefits the community, that their service will inspire us to care more lovingly for one another.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for those facing greater loss because of the COVID pandemic, especially women and the young, that just economic measures will ease their burden.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for all whose mental health is at breaking point, that they will reach out for the help that is offered to them.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for families unable to come together for celebrations of joy or sorrow, that bonds of love will keep them united.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for the recently deceased Arthur Paton, Luciano (Luci) Gomes, Margaret O'Brien, Samantha Casmento, Father Michael Wheeler, Dennis O'Malley, Father Walter SDB (Timor Leste) and Joseph Bonnett and those whose anniversaries we honour Trevor Nelson, Zelma Carroll, Norman Suhan, Les Jones, Dom Helder Camara, Ivan Clark, Our Deceased Vietnam Veterans.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

CELEBRANT: Living and life-giving God, you anointed your Son Jesus as Saviour of the world. Keep us true to his name. We ask this through Christ our Life who Reigns forever. Amen.