PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: In unexpected ways our Lenten journey has become an arduous way of the cross. In company with Jesus, let us pray for the human family at this time of global crisis.

LEADER:
We pray for Christian communities. May their care for the needy be a sign of the saving death and resurrection of Jesus The Christ.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for those most vulnerable to the social economic and medical effects of Covid-19: The frail aged, the chronically ill, the poor, the homeless and all refugees. May they be fully valued.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for front-line health workers and all essential service personnel. May their dedication inspire us to new levels of service and neighbourly care.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our pray

We pray for scientists advising governments and researchers seeking a vaccine. May their expertise encourage us to remain calm.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

May the support of family and friends help those with mental health issues cope with confinement.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for staff and volunteers of welfare agencies. May they care for one another.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Centre of Hope in Papua New Guinea. May our support for Project Compassion help the Centre to maintain its Safe House program.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for our Parish Family. May we find new ways to be connected in faith and celebrate Holy Week.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

Today is World Youth Day. We pray for young people and those who teach and minister to them.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who died recently, especially those who have died from the coronavirus, John Carvalho, Sister Celsus, Dan O'Keeffe, Philip Lynch, Pat Dwyer, Mavis Finnigan, Colin Millard and for those who anniversaries occur at this time.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Loving God, hear us R. Loving God, hear our prayer.

CELEBRANT: Life Giving God, Your Beloved Son emptied himself to become one of us, even unto death. Deliver us from the fear of death and help us live in the freedom of faith. We pray through Christ Our Lord. Amen.