

Celebrant: Dear friends, every eucharist we celebrate sends us out on mission like the seventy-two disciples. Let us pray for the world to hear that the kingdom of God is very near.

- 1 We pray for Pope Francis and all Church leaders who model the call to be labourers for the Lord's harvest: may more of us respond to this call for more labourers for the mission of the Church. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
Lord hear our prayer.
- 2 For world peace, especially in the Ukraine, the Middle East and parts of Africa: that God will grant peace, justice and healing to all involved during these very tragic times. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 3 Today, in preparation for NAIDOC Week, let us acknowledge and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the many contributions they have made to this country: may they see an end to their ongoing struggle for justice and equality in the land we share. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 4 Let us pray for the youth of the world, especially for the young people amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities: that they will always turn to the Lord for guidance, leadership and stability in their lives. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 5 We pray for our faith community: may each of us, in our own way, make a commitment to bear witness, in our daily lives, to our faith in God. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 6 For those who are sick in our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers: may they know the presence of God - especially Nunzio Di Gioia, Mary Theuma, Kevin Scanlon, John Moore, Oscar Ferrante, Anna Romeo, Rosalind Vincent, Josephina Varghese, Marie Virag, Kath Leyden, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo and Sofia Ruggiero. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 7 For the recently deceased especially, Vincenzo Bascetta and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time Anthony Zammit, Clelia Costentino and Maria Erneste. May they now be rejoicing in God's kingdom. [pause] **Lord hear us.**

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**God of love,
may your peace and mercy be upon all those who cry out to you today.
Grant us the grace to rejoice in your saving word.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**