

**Celebrant:** Dear friends, Christ among us is our hope of glory. Let us pray for the mystery of Christ to kindle hope around the world.

- 1 We pray for Pope Francis and the College of Bishops: may they be strengthened in their ministry to inspire all people to open their hearts to the word of God. [pause] **Lord hear us.**  
**Lord hear our prayer.**
- 2 We pray for the leaders of nations throughout the world: may they be driven by a sense of duty and service to their people. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 3 For a world-wide spirit of hospitality like that of Abraham, Martha and Mary: that households and nations will welcome others with warmth and generosity. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 4 For Australian communities devastated by present floods and past bushfires: that they will have all the resources and resilience they need to recover. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 5 For a sense of collaboration in our faith community: may the aspirations of both Martha and Mary continue to be shared in good will and mutual service. [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 Joe Grech, Windsor Jones, Aaron D'Ortona, 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 Paolina Carrubba, Kevin Dobson, Mavis Rourke, Antonina Garra and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially, Michelangelo Bellofiore and Giuseppina Coviello. May they be led to the fullness of eternal life. [pause] **Lord hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

**Merciful God,  
as with Abraham and Sarah,  
you give us what we most deeply need.  
May our prayers, like theirs, find favour in your sight.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**