

**Celebrant: Dear friends, with Paul we are blessed to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. In faith let us pray for a new heaven and a new earth.**

- 1 We pray for Pope Francis: that his steadfast endeavours in the cause of world peace and church reform will bear timely fruit.  
[pause] **Lord hear us.**  
Lord hear our prayer.
- 2 We pray for an end to war in every arena of conflict around the world especially in Ukraine and Russia: that the immeasurable suffering of the innocent will cease and grief give way to hope.  
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 3 Give courage and hope in the midst of despair to all families and communities in Queensland and NSW devastated by the floods: may the generosity of governments and individuals, provide a future for those whose present circumstances are marked by loss and desperation.  
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 4 We pray for the elect preparing for baptism at the Paschal Vigil: that these last weeks of Lent will strengthen their faith in God and their love of Jesus Christ.  
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 5 We pray for our faith community: may we recognise our own sinfulness so that we may respond with mercy and kindness to others.  
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 6 We pray for the sick among us and for all who have asked for our prayers especially: Oscar Ferrante, Anna Romeo, Rosalind Vincent, Josephina Varghese, Marie Virag, Kath Leyden, Amelie Gutierrez, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo and Sofia Ruggiero.  
[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 7 For those who have died recently especially, Gwen Henger, Antionetta Fiocca and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially, Felix Cruz, Rosy Thomas and Angela Arceri. May they be raised to eternal life with Christ.  
[pause] **Lord hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

**God of boundless mercy,  
you never cease to make all things new.  
Fill us with hope and the courage to trust in you.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**