

**Celebrant:      Dear friends, in the spirit of Jesus' self-sacrifice on the cross, let us pray with heartfelt compassion for our wounded world.**

**1**      For all apostles of peace: that they be constantly inspired by the example of Jesus who poured out his life in love for all.

*[pause]*

**Lord hear us.**

Lord hear our prayer.

**2**      For the whole human family, especially the people of Ukraine and Russia and those trapped in violence, hunger and homelessness: may the self-sacrifice of Christ inspire a global revolution of love and compassion.

*[pause]*

**Lord hear us.**

**3**      For Australia: for those affected by the floods, give courage and hope; and that all engaged in the federal election campaign will uphold the civic values of truth, respect and integrity.

*[pause]*

**Lord hear us.**

**4**      For all who are being received into our Church this Easter: may they be supported and encouraged as they live out the Christian call to worship and service.

*[pause]*

**Lord hear us.**

**5**      For our parish community: that this Holy Week will be a time of deep spiritual preparation for the celebration of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.

*[pause]*

**Lord hear us.**

**6**      We pray for the sick among us and for all who have asked for our prayers especially: Mary Theuma, 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, Victoria Vella and Elwyn Patricia O'Brien and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially, Angelo Saliba, Vincenzo Pollino, Nunzia Cavarra, Giuseppe Cavarra, Carmela Di Giorgio, Bartolo Di Giorgio. May they be raised in Christ to the eternal life he has promised.

*[pause]*

**Lord hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

**God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son became as we are even unto death.**

**Give us the courage to follow him, even on the way of the cross.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**