

Celebrant: Trusting that understanding might be given to us, and that the spirit of Wisdom might come to us, we open our hearts to our loving God, seeking healing, compassion and mercy for all those we lift up in prayer.

1 For the Church: that we may experience God looking upon us with love and respond generously to what God asks of us today.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

2 For all people suffering from famine, malnutrition and food insecurity: that World Food Day (16 October) will give them hope of lasting relief.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

3 For a deeper spirit of solidarity within Australia and with countries under-resourced for the pandemic: that this common threat will unite and not divide us.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

4 for the Catholic community in Australia: that the deliberations of the Plenary Council will bear a rich harvest of renewal and revitalisation.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

5 For freedom from attachments: that God will give us the courage to live with less and embrace our families, our community members, and the gift of each day more fully.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

6 For the sick among us and for all who have asked for our prayers. For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they now share in the heavenly banquet prepared for us all.

[pause]

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant:

**God of mercy,
for whom everything is possible,
listen to the prayers that we bring before you
and renew our lives and our world,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**