

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

As our world is tossed about as in a storm through the Covid -19 Pandemic, other disasters and wars, we take heart from Jesus's words: It is I. Do not be afraid.

**READER:**

That we may hear the voice of Christ calling us to "not be afraid" as we carry our life's crosses.

(Pause) Calming Lord, hear us.

That every person in Australia will follow the advice of our health leaders during this pandemic, and not be a danger to themselves or others.

(Pause) Calming Lord, hear us.

That as we mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, world leaders will work together to end wars and give peace a chance.

(Pause) Calming Lord, hear us

That God will strengthen the call to Ordination of Priests to give service and open pathways for their gifts and talents to assist in building up the Church.

(Pause) Calming Lord, hear us.

That the Holy Spirit will heal the sick and depressed and help them find the resources to live full and active lives. We pray for Bepe Pezzuto, Eileen leaver and Patrick Vella.

(Pause) Calming Lord, hear us.

That our departed loved ones may rest in the peace of the heavenly kingdom.

We commend: Maria Bianchin, Eileen Byrne, Beth Straco, Gabriel Toohey, victims of Covid-19, victims of the Lebanon Disaster and all who have died recently. We also remember all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

(Pause) Calming Lord, hear us.

**PRESIDER:**

Hear our prayers, O God, sustain our spirits, keep us graciously from all harm and give success to the work of our hands.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.