

PROJECT COMPASSION

GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Project Compassion Prayer

God of all peoples and nations, as you accompany us on our Lenten journey, may our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity, our almsgiving be an act of justice, and our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.

Awaken our hearts and minds that we may be one human family as we all go further together. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Spanning through the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion is an extraordinary ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of Caritas Australia's caring supporters, all in the name of justice and peace. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Since its emergence at the end of 2019, the COVID-19 coronavirus has swept across the world and reached pandemic proportions. Life has stopped in many countries as borders close and all, but essential services shut down. Thousands have died and tens of thousands have been infected in dozens of countries.

For Caritas Australia, the emergency is an urgent call for solidarity with the most vulnerable communities around the world, the ones who are most affected by this global crisis and need us the most.

On Holy Thursday we would normally return our project compassion donations for those in need. As we are unable to do that this year, please consider donating online with the link below or hold on to your project compassion boxes and return them when it is possible to your parish church.

Donate online to Caritas Australia

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/online-donation>

The Project Compassion 2020 song by Gary Pinto

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GL9wXvi0TgM&feature=youtu.be>

“There is no true peace without fairness, truth, justice and solidarity.” – Pope John Paul II