

PRIEST: Jesus shows us the love of God our Father.  
With confidence in that love we turn to him with our prayers:

READER: **For the Church – for Pope Francis and Bishop Declan,  
that, under their guidance, we may give witness to all peoples  
with our generosity and faithfulness.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our world, that those whose decisions shape others' lives  
may act with humility, integrity and justice.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who face persecution on account of their faith,  
that they may know the closeness of the kingdom  
and be kept in safety and peace.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all whose lives are consumed by worldly desires, that they may  
have the discernment to know what is of real and lasting value.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For ourselves that, mindful of the many blessings we have received,  
we may be generous in our service to others.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who are sick or housebound, elderly or infirm,  
that they will know the healing touch of Jesus in their lives.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: Heavenly Father,  
you know each one of us and all our needs.  
Help us always to recognise, and respond to, your call.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.