MINISTER: Let us present our needs to God,
who is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in love:

READER: **For our Holy Father Pope Leo,**
that he may know the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit
as he continues to discern God's will for us and for our world.
(pause)
Lord, in your mercy

READER: **For the Church, that she may be an ambassador for Christ**
by announcing the good news of reconciliation.
(pause)
Lord, in your mercy

READER: **For all present here today,**
that we may have the will to change our lives,
and the lives of others, by our charity, good example and prayer.
(pause)
Lord, in your mercy

READER**:** **For all who are estranged,**
that they may seek to be reconciled
to all those with whom they are in dispute.
(pause)
Lord, in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick or suffering in any way,**
that they may know the presence and comfort of the Lord.
(pause)
Lord, in your mercy

READER: **For ourselves, that this Lenten season will prepare us**
for our passover from death to newness of life.
(pause)
Lord, in your mercy

MINISTER: Heavenly Father,
have mercy on your Church in all its need.
As we turn away from sin
may we turn to you in repentance
and embrace your holiness with all our heart.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.