

PRIEST: In the suffering and death of Christ we see God's boundless love for us,
so with confidence we pray:

READER: **For Francis our Pope and Declan our Bishop, that they may lead us
into a deeper understanding of the Passion and Death of the Lord.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For peace in our world, that the people of our generation
may follow the example of Christ
and find peace through forgiveness and reconciliation.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those imprisoned for their witness to the Gospel,
that they may be set free to share the message
of the crucified and risen Christ.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all those preparing to be received into full communion with the Church,
that they may come to the celebration of Easter renewed in mind and heart.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all gathered here to celebrate this Mass,
that we may keep Holy Week well and so be drawn more deeply
into the saving mystery of Christ's death and Resurrection.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the sick and the suffering, the elderly and infirm,
that they will experience the healing touch of Christ.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father, you anointed Jesus your Son
to bear our sins, to encourage the weary,
to raise up and restore a fallen world.
May the paschal mystery of Christ's death
and Resurrection be a reality in our lives.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ
who is Lord for ever and ever.