

PRIEST: Our loving God always hears and welcomes our prayers.
Let us now turn to him with our own needs and the needs of our world:

READER: **For the Church, especially Francis our Pope and Declan our bishop,
that God will continue to bless them and strengthen them
for their ministry to God's people.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our world, that those in positions of leadership
may work together in pursuit of peace and prosperity for all.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those whose voices are not heard, that the eyes and ears
of the world will be opened to the weak and the oppressed
and all who suffer as a result of war or natural disaster.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are exhausted by the pressures of daily life,
that they may find a lonely place where they may be
alone with God and become revived in spirit.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the many places of the earth who are desperate for
reconciliation, that hostilities may cease, justice take root
and peace find a lasting home.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick or housebound, or suffering anxiety or despair,
that they will experience the healing touch of Christ in their lives.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,
you are our strength and our protection.
Open our hearts to your grace
that we may always hear and follow your call.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.