

PRIEST: Jesus commanded his apostles to stay in the city and to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit. We now turn to the Father, asking that he will send the Spirit upon us, as we pray for the Church and for the world.

READER: **For the Church, that all who make up the Body of Christ may be filled with the gifts of the Spirit and make God's presence known throughout the world.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For peace in our world, that nations and peoples may put aside thoughts of war and injustice and look instead for ways to live together in harmony and consideration for those in need.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who live at the margins of society, that they may see the love of God in the actions of those who follow Christ.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those who feel powerless in the face of their sinfulness, that they will know the merciful love of God.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our own parish community, that through this Eucharist we will be ever more Christ-like in the way we treat our neighbours.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the sick and the housebound, the broken and the bereaved, that they may be aware of Christ's loving presence with them.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: **Heavenly Father,
we ask you to send your Spirit upon us,
that we may always be instruments of your love in the world.
Through Christ our Lord.**