

PRIEST: The blind Bartimaus was able to see what sighted people could not. with the same faith as his, we turn to the Father with our prayers:

READER: **For bishops and priests throughout the Church:
may they be compassionate and wise in their leadership,
giving witness by their own example.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For peacemakers in conflicts throughout the world:
may their work bring trust and better relationships
between groups and factions.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are in positions of authority, that they will lead
with humility, wisdom and compassion.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are marginalised through poverty or affliction,
that the action of Christians everywhere will bring them help and hope.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our own parish community, that we may recognise
what Christ does for us and that, in our turn, we will recognise
what we are called to do for the Christ we meet in others.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are elderly or infirm, sick or suffering,
that the Lord will bring them healing and strength.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Loving God, we long to spread the message
of the Good News of your Son.
Give us the courage we need to enable us to work together
for the coming of your Kingdom.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.