

PRIEST: We turn to our heavenly Father in prayer,  
asking for his blessings on all those in need:

READER: **For our Holy Father, Pope Francis,  
and all who are called to leadership in the Church,  
that their work may be blessed and bear abundant fruit.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For leaders of nations, that they will strive to see  
that the needs of the poor and the defenceless are provided for.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For those who exploit the poor and rob them of their dignity,  
that they may turn away from sin and towards Christ.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For ourselves, that we may work for reconciliation and peace  
- in our hearts, in our homes and in our community.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For the fallen of two world wars and the many conflicts  
which have scarred our world, that God may call them into light,  
judge them with mercy and grant them peace.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who are sick or housebound  
that they may know the comforting presence of Jesus.  
We pray, too, for the deceased members of our families and our parish,  
that they may have eternal life with God in heaven.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: Gracious God, hear our prayers and grant them  
for the good of your children who now call upon you.  
We ask this in his name, Christ our Lord.