

PRIEST: Having listened to the words of Christ  
we turn to the Father with our needs,  
confident that he listens to all our prayers

READER: **For the Church, especially for Pope Francis and Bishop Declan,  
that, under their guidance, we may witness to all peoples  
the Good News of Jesus Christ.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our world, particularly those  
who make the law and endeavour to uphold it,  
that they may exercise their power with justice and mercy.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For the unemployed and for all who suffer economic hardship,  
that they may be supported in the rebuilding of their lives.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For ourselves that, mindful of the many blessings  
that we have received,  
we may be generous in our service to others.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who are sick or housebound, elderly or infirm,  
that they will know the healing touch of Jesus in their lives.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For the poor, the imprisoned and the downtrodden, that the  
Good News of salvation may echo in their hearts and transform their lives.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: Heavenly Father,  
In your son, Jesus, we see your great love.  
Help us always to respond to that love  
and to serve you with grateful hearts.  
We ask this in his name, Christ our Lord.