

PRIEST: With confidence in the mercy and compassion of the Lord  
we now turn to the Father with our prayers;

READER: **For Pope Francis, that he, the successor of Peter, may be blessed  
with health and strength in proclaiming the Gospel.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who serve in the armed forces, that they may  
keep the peace and serve with integrity  
in a complex and difficult world.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For peace, that all barriers of hatred, greed and violence  
may be overcome by God's healing Spirit and the  
work of men and women of vision throughout the world.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our own parish community, that we will always be ready  
to extend a warm welcome to the visitor and stranger in our midst.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who are sick or in pain, that God will crown them  
with love and compassion and bring them healing and hope.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For ourselves and for Christians everywhere,  
that we may always be slow to condemn,  
swift to pardon and generous in compassion.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: God our Father,  
you are our strength and our protection.  
Hear our prayers and grant them  
for the good of your children who now call upon you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord.