

PRIEST: As we seek to make the riches of God's Kingdom our highest priority  
let us present our prayers and petitions to him:

READER: **For Pope Francis, Bishop Declan and all our Church leaders,  
that they may continue to call the faithful to reject materialism  
and root their lives in God's love and mercy.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For those in government, that they may do all in their power  
to protect the rights and dignity of all people.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For children in care, for orphans and for vulnerable children  
throughout the world, that in their young lives  
they may receive the love and support they need.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our own parish community, that we may share our resources  
and talents in service to the poor and disadvantaged.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who are sick or housebound,  
that they will feel Christ's healing touch in their lives.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: God our Father,  
you are our strength and joy.  
Open our hearts to your grace  
and lead us to your Kingdom.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.