

PRIEST: Trusting in God's unconditional love for each one of us
we now present our prayers and petitions:

READER: **For all who are called to lead the Church,
for Francis our Pope and Declan our Bishop,
that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide and strengthen them.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy....

READER: **For prophets of justice who, like Jeremiah,
suffer for the sake of truth, that the world may heed
their urgent call and walk in the ways of peace.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy....

READER: **For those who are overwhelmed by life's difficulties,
that God may grant them courage, perseverance and help
and keep them free from despair.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy....

READER: **For all the sick and the housebound of our parish
that the Lord will bring them comfort, strength and healing.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy....

READER: **For all who have died as victims of persecution or violence,
that they may be blessed in the sight of God
taking their place in the sanctuary of heaven.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy....

READER: **Let us pray in silence for a moment**
(pause)

**We join these prayers with the prayers of Mary,
the mother of Jesus, as we say 'Hail Mary...'**

PRIEST: Merciful Father,
your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires;
forgive us our failings and keep us always in your peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.