

PRIEST: Let us now turn to the Father, in humility and faith,
with our prayers for our needs and the needs of the world:

READER: **For Pope Francis, Bishop Declan and all our bishops,
that they will lead us into a deeper commitment
to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our world, that leaders of nations will humbly seek to
serve their people without care for political or personal gain.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those who are nearing the end of their life, that they will
receive the compassionate care and spiritual support they need.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For each one of us gathered here, that the Holy Spirit
will guide and support us, giving us the grace to
embrace a life of humble prayer and selfless service.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are elderly or infirm, sick or suffering,
especially those who have no-one to pray for them,
that they will come to experience God's healing touch.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,
our strength and our protection,
open our hearts to your grace
that we may always know, and do, your will.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.