PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL **5th Sunday of the Year**

PRIEST: Having listened to the word of God,
in faith and humility we turn to him with our prayers.

READER: **For Pope Leo that, like Simon Peter, he may continue to be humble in recognising his need for Christ, eager to follow the will of Christ and powerful in proclaiming the message of Christ.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are called to be fishers of men and women for God, that they may cast their nets wide with courage and faith and bring in a catch of holiness, justice and joy.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For leaders of nations and all in government, that they will use their authority wisely and well.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those who continue to persecute the Church of God, that their hearts may be converted and their thoughts be turned to peace.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the unemployed and for those who are exploited in the workplace, that their skills and abilities may be recognised, valued and rewarded.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all those who are sick or housebound, vulnerable or afraid, that they may know the healing touch of God's love.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Heavenly Father,
open our hearts and minds
that we may hear more clearly your message of love
and live more closely in accordance with your will.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.