

PRIEST: Jesus tells us 'Your Father in heaven causes the sun to rise and the rain to fall on bad people as well as good.  
Let us now turn trustfully to God our loving Father and pray:

READER: **For Pope Francis, Bishop Declan and the whole Church,  
that men and women, clergy and religious, may always  
be faithful to their life of prayer and good works.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our world and its environment, that exploitation may end  
and that there will be respect for all living creatures. We pray, too,  
that all the world's riches may be shared with generosity and love.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who persecute our brothers and sisters in faith,  
that God's Spirit of peace may turn their hearts from  
ways of violence to ways of reconciliation.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all whose minds are closed to the ways of God,  
that the gentle promptings of the Spirit may lead them  
into communion with the God of truth and life.**  
*(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**

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.