

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

## Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

PRIEST: As we wait and watch for the coming of the Lord again  
we turn to the Father in prayer:

READER: **For the Church, that the Lord will grant wisdom and insight  
to all who lead and guide us in our faith.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our world, that those in authority may work to create  
a just and fairer society for all.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For peace, and an end to extremism and hatred,  
that God may rid the world of violence and terrorism  
so that all people may serve him in freedom.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all in our parish who are preparing to celebrate their  
First Holy Communion, that they will draw ever closer to Jesus.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who are sick, suffering, housebound, elderly or infirm,  
that they will be comforted by the healing touch of Christ.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all those who have died  
that the Lord will raise them up and grant them everlasting joy.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: God our Father,  
we ask you to hear and answer our prayers  
so that, in the time between Jesus' ascension  
and his return in majesty,  
we may bear witness to your great love for us.

We ask this in the name of him  
who has ascended to your right hand,  
there to celebrate life with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.