

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul

**PRIEST:** In company with Saints Peter and Paul, who prayed for all the churches of God, let us confidently turn to the Father with our prayers:

**READER:** **For Francis our Pope, and Declan our bishop, that they, and all bishops and pastors, will strengthen us in the apostolic faith.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

**READER:** **For all leaders of nations, that they will strive to protect the Church from persecution and harassment.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

**READER:** **For all who are suffering for who they are or for what they believe, that they will find strength in the Lord, who is at their side.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

**READER:** **For all who are sick or housebound and for those who have died recently, that they will know Christ's saving love.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

**READER:** **For our own community, that apostles, prophets, and teachers will build us up as the Body of Christ.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

**READER:** **For all who are in distress, that they may place their trust in God who rescues the poor and shelters all who seek refuge.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

**PRIEST:** God of saints and sinners,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
Peter and Paul bore courageous witness  
to the death and resurrection of your Son.  
Hear our prayer for your blessings,  
that we may be more faithful witnesses  
to the truth of the Gospel,  
the Good News of Jesus Christ,  
both now and for ever. Amen.