PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

PRIEST: The saving plan of God took flesh in Jesus Christ who will never abandon us.
In his name, let us offer our petitions:

READER: **For Leo our Pope, Bosco our Bishop and all our clergy,**
that by their teaching and example they may lead us closer to God.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all whose faith has been battered by tragedy, persecution or abuse,**
that Christ, who calmed the wind and the rain, will bring them peace.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the nations of the earth and those who govern them,**
that the storms of violence, poverty and hunger may be stilled
and all will find a safe harbour in Christ.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For a spirit of openness: that minds and hearts will be receptive**
to the insights and challenges presented by Pope Francis
in his encyclical on the environment.
. *(pause)*
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our own parish Community, that in our everyday lives**
we may always be instruments of the Lord's peace.
. *(pause)*
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who suffer illness in mind or body,**
that they will know Christ's healing touch.
We pray, too, for all who have died recently,
and for comfort and strength for their families.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,
your faithfulness saves us from every danger.
We ask you to hear and answer these prayers
for the sake of your only Son, Jesus Christ,
in whom we find our peace and rest. Amen.