

PRIEST: As we look to the coming of the Lord  
let us turn to the Father in confidence  
with our prayers and petitions:

READER: **For the Church, that the season of Advent  
will bring about in her members renewed hope  
as we seek to live more fully for God.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For Francis our Pope, Declan, our Bishop, and all  
the People of God in our Diocese of Clifton,  
that Synod may help us to listen to each other,  
discern God's will and then, with boldness, carry it out.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our world, that people will seek equal justice  
for everyone and an end to any form of discrimination.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who gather to celebrate the Eucharist today  
that, sharing the bread from heaven,  
we may have the fullness of life.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For those who are suffering in mind or body,  
that they will experience the healing touch of Jesus.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all those who have died,  
that they may know the joy of eternal life in heaven**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: Heavenly Father,  
we pray for your blessings on us and our world  
as we strive to grow together in holiness and faith.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.