PRIEST: We turn to our heavenly Father in prayer,
asking for his blessings on all those in need:

READER: **For our Holy Father, Pope Leo,**
and all who are called to leadership in the Church,
that their work may be blessed and bear abundant fruit.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For leaders of nations,**
that they will strive to see that the needs of the poor
and the defenceless are provided for.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those who exploit the poor**
and rob them of their dignity, that they may
turn away from sin and towards Christ.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For ourselves, that we may work for reconciliation and peace**
- in our hearts, in our homes and in our community.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick or housebound**
that they may know the comforting presence of Jesus.
We pray, too, for the deceased members of our families,
our parish, and the wider community,
that they may have eternal life with God in heaven.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Gracious God, hear our prayers and grant them
for the good of your children who now call upon you.
We ask this in his name, Christ our Lord.