

PRIEST: With humble trust and faith in our loving Father,  
we turn to him with our prayers:

READER: **For Francis our Pope, Declan our Bishop and all our clergy,  
that they may continue faithfully to lead us and guide us  
with wisdom and integrity.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For world peace, that all communities may work together  
to end violence and so bring lasting peace for their children.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For communities torn apart by fear, suspicion or hatred,  
that violence may be rejected and peace may be embraced.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our own parish community, that each one of us  
will always treasure God's gift of life  
and do all we can to protect it.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who bear the cross of illness or bereavement,  
that the Lord will bring them comfort, healing and strength.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who have died, that they may be welcomed,  
with joy, into God's merciful presence.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: God our Father,  
you have set us on the way of discipleship.  
As we journey together,  
we ask you to hear and answer our prayers.  
May your Son be for us and for all people  
our joyful inheritance, both now and for ever. Amen.