**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL** **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

PRIEST: With confidence and trust in God's mercy we turn to our loving Father with our prayers for all in need:

READER: **For Leo our Pope, Bosco our Bishop and all church leaders: that they may continue to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.**
*(pause)*
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who are persecuted for their faith in Christ: that God's grace will enable them to persevere.**
*(pause)*
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that young men and women may be attentive to the call of the Lord of the harvest and generous in their response.**
*(pause)*
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our own parish community: that we may be true disciples of Christ, living in faith and Christian service.**
*(pause)*
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For the neglected, the housebound and all who are sick: that they will receive comfort and support.**
*(pause)*
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who have died, that they may rest in peace and rise in glory.**
*(pause)*
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: Gracious God,
we ask you to continue to watch
over the lives of your people.
Hear our prayers
and grant that we may draw closer to you each day.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.