PRIEST: In the suffering and death of Christ we see God's boundless love for us,
so with confidence we pray:

READER: **For Francis our Pope and Bosco our Bishop, that they may lead us**
into a deeper understanding of the Passion and Death of the Lord.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For peace in our world, that the people of our generation**
may follow the example of Christ
and find peace through forgiveness and reconciliation.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For believers and unbelievers everywhere,**
and for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world,
that the suffering and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ
may lead us to the joy of rising again.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all those preparing to be received into full communion with the Church,**
that they may come to the celebration of Easter renewed in mind and heart.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all gathered here to celebrate this Mass,**
that we may keep Holy Week well and so be drawn more deeply
into the saving mystery of Christ's death and Resurrection.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the sick and the suffering, the elderly and infirm,**
that they will experience the healing touch of Christ.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father, you anointed Jesus your Son
to bear our sins, to encourage the weary,
to raise up and restore a fallen world.
May the paschal mystery of Christ's death
and Resurrection be a reality in our lives.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ
who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.