

PRIEST: With confidence in the knowledge of God's love for us  
we offer up our prayers, for our needs and the needs of our world.

READER: **For Pope Francis and all in leadership the Church,  
that they may preach the Good News of Christ  
with courage, truth and compassion.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all in positions of authority in the world,  
that they will always seek to govern with integrity  
and work towards peace, with justice.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who are victims of crime, that their wounds of fear  
may be healed and that they may regain peace of mind.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For families and communities torn apart by suspicion  
and recrimination, that hate may turn to love and violence to peace.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our own parish community, that the example of our words and  
actions may encourage others to join us at the table of the Lord.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For the sick and the suffering, the dying and the bereaved,  
that they will know the loving touch of Christ in their lives.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: God our Father, you hear our prayers  
with a love beyond all our imagining.  
Strengthen us with faith in that love  
that we may always know, and do, your will.  
We ask this in his name, Christ our Lord.