

PRIEST: Seeking to serve God with humble and grateful hearts
let us offer our prayers and petitions:

READER: **For all who are called to lead the Church,
especially Francis our Pope and Declan our Bishop,
that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide and strengthen them.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the leaders of nations and all those in positions of authority,
that love, more than law, may be the inspiration of all they do..**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all those who are preparing to make, or have recently
celebrated, their First Holy Communion:
that they will always be nourished by the Eucharist.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our own parish community gathered here:
that we may we learn kindness and generosity
at this table of the Lord.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick or suffering in any way,
that they will find comfort and healing in Christ.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Merciful Father,
your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires;
forgive our failings, keep us in your peace
and lead us in the way of salvation
We ask this through Christ our Lord.