PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- PRIEST: The Kingdom of God grows from tiny beginnings; let us turn to God now with our own prayers, for ourselves and for our world:
- READER: For all who are called to lead us and guide us, especially Francis our Pope and Declan our Bishop, that their ministry will help us all to grow in our faith. (pause) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For world leaders and those in government, that they will do all they can to care for our world and protect its resources. (pause) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For farmers and agricultural workers that, working in the beauty of the natural world, they may find themselves close to God. (*pause*) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For all who are exiled from their homes or estranged from their families, that they may find welcome and supporting communities which enable them to live in safety. (pause)
 - Lord in your mercy
- READER: For those who are sick or suffering, elderly or infirm, that they will find comfort and healing in Christ. (pause) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For all who have died, that knowing the forgiveness of God, they may enter their everlasting home in heaven. (*pause*) Lord in your mercy
- PRIEST: God our Father, your love for us is unconditional and eternal. May we always know that love and walk in the light of your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.