PRIEST: The Apostle Paul urges us 'Do all you can to preserve

the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together'.

With one voice we join together to bring our petitions to the Lord:

READER: For the Church, that the Pope, bishops, and all church leaders

will continually seek, and be blessed with, God's wisdom and guidance.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For a better world, that all nations, living in freedom,

may respect human rights everywhere.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For respect for human life, that the old, the young

and the unborn alike may always be respected.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For communities under tension, that selflessness, gentleness

and patience may dwell in their hearts and guide them along

paths of charity and understanding.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For our own parish community, that we will continue to grow in grace.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For all who are sick or suffering, homeless or housebound,

that they will know the loving touch of Christ in their lives.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,

as we celebrate the mystery

of the life, death and resurrection of Christ, grant that he may dwell in us and we in him,

for he is Lord for ever and ever.