

PRIEST: Jesus said 'no-one can come to the Father except through me.'  
We unite ourselves with Christ and make our prayers  
to God our Father in his name.

READER: **For all who are called to lead the Church,  
for 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 those in public office; that they may show special care  
for the weak and vulnerable members of society.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy...**

READER: **For those who have drifted away from the Church that,  
inspired by the words of Peter, the Church will offer,  
with compassion and conviction, Christ's message of eternal life.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy...**

READER: **For all who share the Eucharist with us this day,  
that their faith and trust may be strengthened  
as they are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy...**

READER: **For the sick and the housebound, the elderly and the lonely,  
that the Lord will bring them comfort, strength and healing.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy...**

READER: **For all our brothers and sisters who have died that,  
having eaten the Bread of Life, they may share in eternal life.**  
*(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.