26th Sunday in Ordinary Time PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL PRIEST: With humility and faith we now come before our God offering our prayers for all who are in need: **READER:** For Pope Francis, that he will always lead the Church with courage and conviction in the midst of our troubled world. (pause) Lord in your mercy **READER:** For our world, that its leaders will work to bring justice and peace to the poor and the oppressed. (pause) Lord in your mercy **READER:** For all who are on the margins of society, and for those who have lost their way, that justice and equality may prevail in our land. (pause) Lord in your mercy

READER: For our own parish community that we may always strive to follow Christ with fidelity, living as children of the light. (pause) Lord in your mercy

READER: For all who are elderly or infirm, lonely or ill, that they will be comforted by the knowledge of God's love. (pause) Lord in your mercy

READER: For all who have died, that they may experience God's loving mercy and be welcomed into the eternal banquet of the kingdom of heaven. (*pause*) Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God of infinite love and mercy, we bring these prayers to you, mindful of your care for us. Make your presence known to all who are in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.