PRIEST: With the help of the One who gives strength', says the apostle Paul,

'God will fulfil all our needs'. So together we pray:

READER: For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that he will continue to

lead the Church in proclaiming the Good News of Christ.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For all in government, that they may protect the least among us,

especially those who are marginalised by society.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For all who are victims of violence or natural disasters,

that God will give them hope and stir the hearts of many

to assist them in their time of need.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For those who have no faith and those who have lapsed from

the practice of their faith, that the Holy Spirit will lead them home.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For all of us gathered together today that, nourished by the Word of God,

we will have the courage to embrace the wedding garment offered to us

and become the people God created us to be.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For the sick, the bereaved, the elderly and their caregivers,

and all who suffer in any way,

that they may be comforted by the Holy Spirit.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Merciful Father,

hear the prayers we bring to you.

Help us to acknowledge your greatness and to serve you with grateful hearts.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen