

PRIEST: 'I prayed, and understanding was given me': with this in mind
let us pray together for all our needs:

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 who proclaim the scriptures in our liturgy and for preachers
as they break open the Word for us, that they may listen carefully
to the Spirit's voice, reading and teaching with wisdom and love.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those who work in public services, that they will understand the
value of what they do and find satisfaction in working with integrity.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all caught up in the distress of war or natural disasters
that they will find relief through the generosity of others.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those in prison and for their families,
that our prisons may prove to be places of healing and redemption**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For ourselves, that we may have the courage to recognise
and leave behind all that keeps us from Jesus.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the sick and those who suffer in any way,
that they may be comforted by the Holy Spirit.**
(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.