

PRIEST: Knowing the kindness and mercy of God,  
and with confidence in his forgiveness,  
we now turn to him with our prayers:

READER: **For Pope Francis and for or all in positions of leadership,  
that they may listen to the guidance of God  
and work to promote the common good.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all whose lives have been touched by disaster,  
that they may receive help in their time of need  
and patience in their time of trial**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For those preparing to receive the sacraments  
that they may be fully open to God's grace and love.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all the members of our own community,  
that this holy season of Lent may be a time of deepening conversion.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For the homeless and the housebound and for all  
who are sick or suffering in any way.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: God our Father,  
with confidence we present our prayers to you.  
Bring us and all your people to the joys of Easter  
refreshed in faith, renewed in hope  
and strengthened in love.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.