PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- PRIEST: Let us turn to the Lord with our prayers asking for all we need to be faithful to the work of conversion, repenting of all that takes us away from God:
- READER: For the whole Church, that all who follow Christ may be a source of encouragement and strength for those seeking conversion. (pause) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For all those preparing to receive the sacraments, that they may thirst for, and be fully open to, God's grace and love. (pause) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For those who are suffering as a result of war, conflict or natural disasters throughout the world, remembering especially those who have died and those who are suffering loss or bereavement. (*pause*) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For our own community that, for each one of us, this time of Lent may be one of deepening conversion. (pause) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For all who are sick or suffering in any way, that they will be comforted by the knowledge of Christ's love. (pause) Lord in your mercy
- PRIEST: God our Father, in charity, fasting and prayer you have shown us a remedy for sin. Listen in love to our prayers and lift up our hearts with the assurance of your mercy. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.