

PRIEST: God is love and commands us to live that same love.  
Let us turn to him and pray for the strength to live as the Lord teaches:

READER: **For Francis our Pope,  
that he will be blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit  
and so lead the Church in the ways of the Lord.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For the Church, that it may truly be a sign of salvation,  
pointing towards Jesus by the love it shows for all people.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our world, especially for all those who live in poverty,  
that we may share more justly the many resources God has given us.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our own parish community, that we may all act with integrity  
and always work for the common good.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who grieve or who are sick or suffering in any way,  
that they will be strengthened  
by the knowledge of Christ's love for them.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: God our Father,  
you have revealed your love for us  
in the death and Resurrection of Jesus your Son.

Increase our love for one another  
that we may be your disciples in name and in truth.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.