

PRIEST: Christ commands us to show our love for him and for the Father by loving one another. By our love the power of Christ's resurrection is made known to the world. Let us now turn to the Father with our prayers for the Church and for the world.

READER: **For Pope Francis, that his ministry will be blessed by God and hallmarked with courage, compassion and truth.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our world, that God will inspire world leaders with new ways to right injustice and establish peace.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all the peoples of the world,
that they may rejoice in the gift of love,
and that hatred and bloodshed may come to an end.**

READER: **For all who are sitting or preparing for exams,
that the Holy Spirit will guide them to use their gifts wisely and well.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For ourselves, that we may encounter Christ in this Eucharist and reflect his love to all those we meet today.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved,
that they will be comforted by the knowledge of
Christ's unconditional love for them.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,
Send your Spirit of truth into our hearts
that we may always reject what is false,
live by the commands of Christ,
and be true to the love you have shown us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.