PRIEST: As one body in Christ, we now turn to the Father with our prayers,

for our own needs and for the needs of all God's people:

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 the people of Jerusalem and the Holy Land

that peace may be their inheritance and justice their birth-right

until the dawning of the New Jerusalem.

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

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.