

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 those who have lain down their lives for the sake of the gospel
that, imitating Christ in his suffering, they may also share his glory.**

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.