

PRIEST: Jesus prayed 'Father, may they all be one'. We now turn to the Father, asking that he will send the Spirit upon us, as we pray for the Church and for our world.

READER: **For the Church, that all who make up the Body of Christ may be filled with the gifts of the Spirit and make God's presence known throughout the world.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the unity of Christian, that Christ's prayer will encourage us to share our various gifts and so build up the whole people of God.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are persecuted for their faith, that their witness in the face of oppression may change the hearts of their persecutors.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those who strive to share the gospel with others, that they may do so with integrity and conviction.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our own parish community, that through this Eucharist we will be ever more Christ-like in the way we treat our neighbours.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the sick and the housebound, the broken and the bereaved, that they may be aware of Christ's loving presence with them.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: **Heavenly Father,
we ask you to send your Spirit upon us,
that we may always be instruments of your love
and your truth in our world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**