

PRIEST: With trust in the One who speaks to us from above and knows all our needs, we now pray:

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 leaders of nations: that, illumined by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, they may seek after truth in all their actions and promote peace and justice among peoples**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who have been entrusted with the Word of the Lord That they may proclaim it without hesitation or fear.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those who feel powerless in the face of their sinfulness, that they will know the merciful love of God.**

(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 in the world.
Through Christ our Lord.