

PRIEST: As we await the return of our Saviour, Jesus, we bring to the Father our prayers and concerns for the world, the Church and ourselves:

READER: **For Pope Francis and all who exercise authority in the Church,
that their efforts may inspire us to walk in the ways of the Lord.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For governments and world leaders,
that the Advent message of hope will move them
to renew their efforts for peace, justice and reconciliation.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who struggle to find direction in their lives,
that they may open their hearts to Christ and follow him.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For ourselves, that we may find Advent
to be a time of renewal and grace,
both as individuals and as a community.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the poor, the sick, the lonely and the dying
that the Spirit of God will rest upon them and bring them peace.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Gracious and loving God,
we bring our prayers before you.
Help us to grow in our love for you and each other
and be at peace in your sight.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.