

PRIEST: Jesus constantly tells us 'Do not be afraid'. With that in mind let us now turn to God with our prayers, for ourselves and for our world:

READER: **For all who are called to lead us and guide us,
especially Francis our Pope and Declan our Bishop,
that they will help us all to grow in our faith.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For world leaders and all those in government,
that they will always show care for our world
and endeavour to protect its resources.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those paralysed by fear or phobias, that the reassurance of God's
love and the support of the community will bring courage and peace.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our own parish community, gathered today:
that we will remain secure in God's love for us
and share that love with others.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick or suffering,
for those who are isolated and alone,
for the oppressed, the bereaved and the wounded,
that they will find comfort and healing in Christ.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,
your love for us is unconditional and eternal.
May we always know that love
and walk in the light of your presence.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.