PRIEST: Like Moses, or Paul the apostle, we too are invited

to approach the Lord seeking mercy, and so we turn to him with our prayers:

READER: For Pope Francis, that his call to care for the poor and the marginalised

may be heard and responded to throughout the world.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For our world, that that people of all lands, cultures and traditions

may build peace and bring hope through reconciliation.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For those struggling with their faith,

that they may open their hearts to God's grace

and turn to the Lord with renewed love and commitment.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For our own parish community, that we may grow in love

as we reach out to care for the disadvantaged

and for those in need of any kind.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For the sick, the suffering, the bereaved and the housebound

that they may know the comfort of the Father's arms around them.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Merciful Father,

your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires;

forgive our failings, keep us in your peace

and lead us in the way of salvation We ask this through Christ our Lord.