

PRIEST: With faith in the infinite mercy and justice of God, we now turn to the Father with our prayers, for our needs and the needs of others:

READER: **For Pope Francis, Bishop Declan and all the bishops, that they, like the apostles, will continue to lead us in the example of their lives of prayer.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all in government and in positions of leadership in the world, that they will have the courage to come together to remedy injustices and work for peace.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all for whom the flame of faith has dimmed or grown cold, that it may be kindled afresh by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For a renewed sense of service and ministry in our community, that we may discern the will of God for our times and respond with humility, vigour and faith.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who suffer from any kind of physical or mental illness or distress, that they may be comforted by the love and care of others and the healing touch of Christ.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: Faithful God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
Hear our prayer that, with increased faith,  
we might humbly serve you and our neighbour.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen