Celebrant: Dear friends, Jesus dares us to follow him with open eyes on the way to Jerusalem. In his name let us pray for God's rule to come.

- For the Church: that we may hear God's call to discipleship and seek first the reign of God in our lives. [pause] Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.
- For peace throughout the world: that armed conflicts will end, injustices and jealousies be addressed, and that all nations may use their resources to defeat disease and hunger.

 [pause] Lord hear us.
- For people of the world who still suffer under the yoke of slavery: may they come to experience the dignity owed to them as human beings.

[pause] Lord hear us.

- For all who are striving to hear the call to discipleship, particularly inquirers and searchers for the truth: that God's Word may touch their hearts and guide them into a deeper knowledge of God. [pause] Lord hear us.
- We pray for our faith community. May all we do in our daily lives be done for the glory of God. [pause] Lord hear us.
- For those who are sick in our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers: may they know the presence of God especially Mary Theuma, Kevin Scanlon, John Moore, Oscar Ferrante, Anna Romeo, Rosalind Vincent, Josephina Varghese, Marie Virag, Kath Leyden, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo and Sofia Ruggiero. [pause] Lord hear us.
- For the recently deceased especially, Alfonsina Piscitello and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time Nes Ramientas and Paul Vescio. May they enjoy the eternal fulfilment of the kingdom of God.

[pause] Lord hear us.

Celebrant:

God of undying love, we bless you for your goodness. By the power of your Spirit, keep us true to Jesus. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.