

**Celebrant:** Encouraged by the words of Scripture, we strive to live in ways pleasing to God. Thankful for the good things of this world, we bring our prayers of petition before the Lord.

- 1 We pray for Pope Francis and the leaders of our Church: may they be strengthened in their ministry of guiding people to live their lives as true followers of Jesus. [pause] **Lord hear us.**  
Lord hear our prayer.
- 2 We pray for our national and civic leaders: may they act responsibly in reaching out to all people with fairness and compassion. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 3 We pray for all people who have dedicated their lives to looking after the frail and suffering of our world: may they continue to be blessed in their endeavours. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 4 We pray for our parish community: that our sense of belonging may be strengthened, and that all members feel valued and reach their potential to live life to the full. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 5 We pray for the work of CatholicCare Victoria's pastoral ministry, chaplains and volunteers: for being the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 6 We pray for the sick among us and for all who have asked for our prayers especially: Peter Cushen, Anna Romeo, Rhonda Cherubin, Rosalind Vincent, Josephina Varghese, Marie Virag, Kath Leyden, Amelie Gutierrez, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo and Sofia Ruggiero. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 7 For those who have died recently especially Auora Josphine Ashwood and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Giovanni Viola, Josephine Sammut and Felice Alesi. May their eyes now be open to the dawn of everlasting happiness. [pause] **Lord hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

**Merciful God,  
trusting in your goodness  
and with hope in the promises you have given us,  
we bring these prayers before you, in Jesus' name.  
Amen.**