

Celebrant: In all humility we turn to God for mercy. We pray that our ways may be God's ways, our thoughts God's thoughts.

- 1** For Pope Francis and all Church leaders: may they guide us to listen to the word of Jesus and to heed it. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
Lord hear our prayer.
- 2** For our world leaders and lawmakers: may they responsibly enact and administer laws that enhance freedom and guard against oppression. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 3** For the peacemakers of our world: those people who in everyday situations make life bearable for those who are victimised. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 4** For all who lack the basic necessities of life: may today's World Day of Social Justice give them hope of a new and inclusive economy. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 5** For our parish community: may it be a place of forgiveness, compassion and gratitude. [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, 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 Monica Wickerson and Auora Ashwood and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time especially Pietro Ambessi, Carmelo Ambessi, Hermogenes Tamayo and Thomas Watts, that they will be enfolded in the loving arms of God. [pause] **Lord hear us.**

Celebrant:

Gracious God,

hear our prayers.

Remove from our hearts

whatever may prevent us from trusting in your life-giving word.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.