

Celebrant: 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God. With confidence, let us call on the King of Kings, who graciously accompanies us from beginning to end.

- 1** For Pope Francis and all leaders of our Church: that they will boldly proclaim the truth that sets us free.

[pause] **Lord hear us.**
Lord hear our prayer.
- 2** We pray for civil and political leaders: May they accept their responsibility to serve all those under their leadership with honesty and justice.

[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 3** We pray for the whole human family: that all will unite in bringing to birth a new world order of love, goodness and truth.

[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 4** We pray for all those in our society who care for the sick, the hungry and the homeless: may they be graced to continue their work and to encourage more people to come to the aid of those in need.

[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 5** As we come to the end of the liturgical year, we pray with gratitude for all the faithful who have worked to preserve the spirit of our communities through the challenges of the past year: may our churches once again be places of communal prayer as we celebrate the Eucharist together.

[pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 6** We pray for the sick of our parish and all those who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom.

[pause] **Lord hear us.**

Celebrant:

**God of glory and majesty,
truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Hear our prayers for your people everywhere.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**