Celebrant: We are commanded to love God with all our strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. As a sign of our devotion, we bring these intercessions for our neighbours and for our world.

For Pope Francis and all leaders of our Church: may they be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to minister to their people with compassion and faithfulness to the Gospel.

[pause] Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

- For our civil and political leaders: may they act and speak with wisdom, compassion and generosity, fostering unity and charity rather than fear and division.

 [pause] Lord hear us.
- **3** For parents, teachers and children in COVID-affected states: that the resumption of in-school education will be a blessing for all.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

For our faith community as together we take the way of the Gospel: Looking to the future, may we be open to the Spirit's leading, working together to bring the Good News of Christ's love to all our neighbours.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

We give thanks for all whose holy lives have inspired our faith, and pray that the feast of All Saints will deepen our communion with them.

[pause]

Lord hear us.

For the sick among us and for all who have asked for our prayers.

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they now share in the heavenly banquet prepared for us all.

[pause]

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant:

Our confidence is in Jesus Christ, who intercedes for all who come to God through him, and in whose name we pray. Amen.