



Prayers of Intercession

Priest Loving God, you told us to ask and we would receive, so we pray, guided by the way of the gospel and confident of your compassion and care.

Reader 1 We pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Archbishop Peter, and all bishops and priests. May they always be open to the Spirit who is their constant guide and sustenance in their ministry of service. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader 2 We pray for all leaders who shape and influence the world in which we live and who are called to bring hope to all. May they be attentive to the Spirit as they make decisions that will benefit all people. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader 3 We pray for ourselves gathered today. Help us to proclaim and live the way of the gospel in our world. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader 4 We pray for parents, teachers and catechists. May their work be inspired by Jesus, the teacher, who brought the transforming power of God's love to all who came to him. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader 5 We pray for each of the school communities in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. May they be places of welcome to all who work and learn there. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader 6 We pray for the sick, the troubled, the lonely and the vulnerable. May we comfort them by sharing God's healing love. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader 7 We pray for all who have gone before us. May they find peace and rest in the presence of God's love. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest God our loving father, hear the prayers we make with faithful and trusting hearts. We ask this through Christ our lord.

All **Amen.**