

Priest: Brothers and sisters, as the Church waits in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, let us bring our needs before the Father with confidence and hope.

Reader: For the holy Catholic Church:

that she may remain faithful to the truth handed on by the apostles, sanctified in Christ and strengthened for her mission in the world.

Lord, hear us.

Reader: For our Holy Father, our bishops, priests, and deacons:

that guided by the Holy Spirit, they may lead the people of God in holiness, courage, and fidelity to the Gospel.

Lord, hear us.

Reader: For Christians suffering persecution throughout the world:

that remaining steadfast in faith, they may know the strength and consolation of Christ in every trial.

Lord, hear us.

Reader: For those who are far from the Church or struggling in faith:

that the Lord may draw them back to Himself through truth, grace, and the witness of faithful Catholics.

Lord, hear us.

Reader: For our parish community:

that through prayer, the sacraments, and devotion to Our Lady, we may remain united in Christ and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear us.

Reader: For those preparing to receive the sacraments, especially Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion: that they may grow in love for Christ and remain faithful members of His Church.

Lord, hear us.

Reader: For the faithful departed:

that Christ, who has entered the glory of the Father, may welcome them into the fullness of eternal life.

Lord, hear us.

Reader: Let us now pause and offer in silence the prayers we hold in our hearts.

(silent prayer)

Reader: Let us ask the intercession of Our Lady, Mother of the Church. Hail Mary...

Priest: Father of mercy, your Son prays for His people and calls your Church to holiness and truth.

Hear the prayers we bring before you

and keep us faithful to Christ,

who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.