

PRIEST: *Let us turn to the Lord with our prayers  
that his Kingdom will grow among us*

READER: We pray for the Church:  
that all who follow Christ  
will be fearless witnesses of the Gospel of life.

READER: We pray for our young people:  
that in midst of the conflicting messages they receive they may perceive the truth and  
wonder of true love and compassion, shown to us in the life and teaching of Jesus.

READER: We pray for those who make decisions over life and death, and for those who seek death,  
whether it be for others or for themselves.  
That they may opt for life, not death, for hope and not despair, for peace and not for war.

READER: We pray for all in our world who are hungry:  
that the world may learn to share more justly  
the many resources God has given.

READER: We pray for our communities and parishes:  
that we may respect one another and honour one another as people created in the image  
and likeness of God. May we recognise in all of humanity the gift of life and the capacity to  
love and be loved.

READER: We pray for those who do not recognise life as a gift from God:  
that their hearts and minds may be turned to see the miracle of life as God's free gift to us  
all.

READER Let us pray for a moment in silence.....

We join our prayers with the prayers of Mary the mother of Jesus as we say 'Hail Mary...'

PRIEST: *God our Father,  
help us to continue to work for those things  
you inspire us to pray for.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
one God forever and ever.*