Priest
In this week’s Gospel Jesus we are challenged to exemplify the Good Samaritan. With renewed determination to be God’s servants in the world we come with our prayers to the Lord who loves every one of us no matter where we are from.

Reader
We pray for our Holy Father and all leaders of the Church; may they lead with prayerfulness, integrity, wisdom and compassion. Pause ... Lord hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us

We pray for the political leaders of our country, as a new prime minister is chosen; may this usher in a new season of stability and an agenda that looks to support the most vulnerable. Pause ... Lord hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us

On Sea Sunday, we pray for those who are seafarers and their families; may they remain safe and their families feel supported by their communities when their loved ones are away from home. Pause ... Lord hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us

As our diocese celebrates marriage at St George’s Cathedral, we pray for all those preparing to marry in the coming weeks and months; may they seek to put God at the centre of their relationship and grow together both emotionally and spiritually for the rest of their lives. Pause ... Lord hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us

We ask to be the embodiment of mercy as represented by the Good Samaritan – the one who was moved with pity; may we have our eyes opened to those who are in need and be empowered to intervene in their suffering. Pause ... Lord hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us

We bring our own prayers to the Lord in the silence of our heart.

PLEASE TAKE A LONG PAUSE

Lord hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us

We bring our prayers to Mary, our Mother to intercede for us by saying together: Hail Mary...

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Loving God, who showed us mercy first, be with us this week and always as we act mercifully to those we encounter whether our next door neighbour, friend, migrant, countryman or fellow citizen of the world. We offer you these prayers only by the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen.