Prayers of the People for Sunday, October 4

At this time we are reminded that we never pray alone, for whenever we pray we join the prayer of the entire Church on earth and in heaven. Let us join together to pray to God, who is our rock, our salvation, and our refuge, beginning with a moment of silence.

This morning I will conclude each petition with the phrase **Lord in Your mercy,** and I invite you to respond **Hear our prayer.**

Good and generous God, we pray for all those who are challenged by COVID: parents, students, and teachers; nurses and doctors; grocery store workers; and countless others. Continue to give them strength. **Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Good and generous God, we thank You for people who choose lives of service: in the Church, in our own parish, in our country, and in our community. **Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Good and generous God, do not be far off, but tend to those who are suffering in mind or body, or who may be lost for whatever reason. Spur us to respond as your hands and heart in the world. We pray for …

**Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer**

Good and generous God, we remember all those who have died. God of hope, we thank you that not even death can separate us from your love. And we pray for all who mourn, that they may feel your care for them.

**Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer**

Good and generous God, may the needs of our families, friends, and neighbours be made clear to us today, and may we find that in our giving to them we grow closer to you. And we pray for one another and for ourselves, too, for we all need prayer. **Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer**

**Amen**