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On the Bulletin if not sung

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

CELEBRANT: We ask God to bless us with the gift of wisdom and understanding as we bring our prayers before the throne of mercy, with humility and confidence.

1. We pray for Pope Leo, all bishops and church leaders. May they, like Solomon, be blessed with a special gift of discernment as they lead the church today:
Let us pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for leaders of government, commerce, trade and industry. May they strive honestly and intelligently to work together as stewards of God's creation:
Let us pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for our faith community of worship and witness. May we open our hearts in service to each other, especially to the frail and isolated:
Let us pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for ourselves on our journey of faith. May we respond to the call of God, who watches over us along the way and teaches us how to live with the treasures of his love:
Let us pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for the sick in the Alfred and all our hospitals, places of care and at home – including those named on the parish sick list, (pause) that they may know the healing strength of the Lord through the care and love of all who surround them:
Let us pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for those who have died recently including, and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, in particular May they now experience God's glory:
Let us pray to the Lord.

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, hear the words of your servant people as we voice our needs and concerns before you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.