**Reader 2:** Loving God, you are our creator and the source of all life. We pray that one day we too will return to you to live forever in the peace and happiness of our eternal home. *Lord, hear us.* 

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

**Reader 3:** Loving God, we pray for those who have no faith or are struggling with doubts and unbelief. May they be strengthened and encouraged by the love and compassion of others. *Lord, hear us.* 

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

**Leader:** Merciful and loving God, we put before you this morning any special intentions that we may have and we remember now for a moment anyone who has asked us to pray for them. (*Pause*) We offer these and all our prayers through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Sign of the Cross.