Leader: Standing or kneeling, let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the flourishing of God’s gifts to his Church.

God our Father, you give us gifts that we may work together in the service of your Son: bless the leaders of your Church, that they may be firm in faith and humble before you. Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who teach, that they may increase our understanding and be open to your word for them. Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who minister healing, that they may bring wholeness to others, yet know your healing in themselves. Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless those through whom you speak, that they may proclaim your word in power, yet open their ears to your gentle whisper. Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who work in your world today, that in the complexity of their daily lives they may live for you, fulfil your purposes, and seek your kingdom first. Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who are uncertain of their gifts and those who are powerless in this world’s eyes, that they may be made strong in your gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially:
that they may have comfort and strength for renewal. Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless all our partners in mission, especially [churches in the diocesan and Anglican Communion cycles of prayer], that they may have your love and grace as their inspiration. Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless all who have died, especially:

that with them, we may praise you on earth and in heaven. Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.

Lord of all,
hear our prayer
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.