PRIEST: God gives us the bread from heaven

that we might believe in the one he has sent.

We make our prayers asking that our faith in Christ may be strengthened.

READER: For the Church throughout the world,

that it may be an effective sign

of the way to everlasting happiness and eternal life.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For peace, that the world will turn away from violence

as a means of settling disputes.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For leaders of nations that, in their policies and actions,

they may always work for the common good of all.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For all those in need,

and for those who are committed to their service,

that we may never cease to work for justice in our society.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For our own parish community that, nourished by

the Bread of Life, we may share the gifts of God with others.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For the sick and the housebound,

the burdened and the bereaved.

that Christ's love will comfort them in their need.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,

you sent your Son among us born of Mary.

May our response to your Word be deep and true so that we might make him known to the world,

for he is Lord forever and ever.