PRIEST: With faith and trust that God is our help and our shield,

we present our prayers for the Church and the world.

READER: For the Church, that she may continue to be blessed

in her efforts to spread the Gospel message to all peoples.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For our world, that belief in the dignity of every human life

will be the basis for promoting justice and harmony.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For those who hunger and thirst, that through our generosity

they may be fed and live without fear or want.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For our own parish community,

that we may be blessed as we strive

to build up God's Kingdom and offer our best for God.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For all who are sick or lonely, elderly or infirm,

that they may find comfort and strength in Christ.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Heavenly Father,

we make these prayers with complete faith, trusting that you will hear them in love and grant them according to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.