

PRIEST: Gathered by God's command to seek new ways
to discover his will in our lives, we turn to him in prayer:

READER: **For the Church, that the Spirit of God will make her
a prophetic voice in the world, upholding gospel values.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the world and all its peoples,
that richer nations will avoid self interest
and learn to share their wealth with the poor.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are called to be prophets today,
that the Spirit of Christ will sustain and empower them
to witness to the truth from which society hides.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are held captive or are unjustly imprisoned,
that their hope may remain strong
and their freedom soon be secured.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all Christians, that we will be strengthened
in our commitment to deny ourselves, take up our crosses
and live lives of true discipleship.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the sick and the suffering, the elderly and infirm,
the anxious, the fearful and those who are alone,
that they will experience the infinite love of God.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Gracious God,
we ask you to hear our prayers
and grant that we may draw closer to you each day.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.