

- PRIEST: 'Resentment and anger, these are foul things'. But God's chosen people are to be recognised by their love for one another. Together we pray to the Father:
- READER: **For the Church, that we may recognise that we are God's people and faithfully mediate God's love, mercy, and forgiveness by the way we live our lives.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For a healing of the nations, that world leaders may lay aside pride and public image for the greater good of the human family.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For the growth of peace in every heart, that God will lead all people away from violence and into the paths of peace and reconciliation.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For those who have been victims of violent crimes, and for their families, that they may receive the necessary support to be healed from their trauma, and the grace to forgive.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For all who gather together to be formed by the word of God, that they may resolve to bring God's mercy and love to the areas of our society most in need.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For all who are sick or suffering in any way, that they will know God's healing and love.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- PRIEST: Merciful Father,
your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires;
forgive our failings, keep us in your peace
and lead us in the way of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.