

- PRIEST: God has infinite compassion for all creation.
Let us now turn to our loving Father with our prayers:
- READER: **For the Church, that she may preach Christ's Gospel of love,
welcoming all who come to her.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For all who risk their lives for the sake of the gospel,
that they may bear insult and suffering
with patience, strength and hope.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For the powerless and oppressed,
that sinful structures of injustice may be torn down
and that all humanity may live in peace.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For those struggling with their faith,
that they may open their hearts to God's grace
and turn to the Lord with renewed love and commitment.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For ourselves, that we may see the face of Christ
in our neighbours, and respond generously to those in need.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For the sick and the suffering, the hungry and the homeless,
that they will be comforted by the knowledge of God's 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.