

PRIEST: Confident in the Father's generous love for us  
we now turn to him with our prayers.

READER: **For the Church that She,  
who has received life and love from God,  
will uphold the rights of all, from conception to natural death.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our world, that its leaders may seek  
to govern in justice, striving to turn the hearts of all people  
from hatred to love and from violence to peace.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all whose lives have been devastated by war or terrorism  
that the world will be generous in helping them  
to rebuild shattered communities and shattered lives.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For married couples, that they will always invite Christ  
into their homes and their hearts as they face  
the joys and sorrows of their life together.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our own parish community,  
that we may each use our gifts to serve others  
and to build up the Body of Christ.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who are sick or housebound  
that they will be comforted by the knowledge of Christ's love.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: Gracious God,  
we ask you to hear our prayers  
and grant what is in accord with your will for us.  
We ask this in his name, Christ Jesus our Lord.