

PRIEST: God gave himself completely to us when he took on flesh and lived among us. We now turn to him full of confidence that he hears and answers our prayers

READER: **For the Church throughout the world, that she may be an effective sign of the way to everlasting happiness and eternal life.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are actively working to bring aid and comfort to those in need, that the Holy Spirit will give them strength.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all affected by war, terrorism or natural disaster; for those who have died, for the bereaved, for those who are injured and for those left homeless.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our own parish community, that each of us may learn to place all our hope and faith in the promises of the Lord and so be witnesses to the power of God's grace.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick or suffering, neglected or alone, that the light of Christ will lead them out of darkness.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,
as we celebrate the mystery
of the Word made flesh,
grant that he may dwell in us
and we in him
for he is Lord for ever and ever