

PRIEST: Let us turn to the Lord with our prayers, asking that his voice will renew in us our love for God and our neighbour.

READER: **For church leaders throughout the world,  
that they may continue to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For those in authority, that the leaders of the world's nations  
may work for peace, especially in areas of conflict.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For those who have been outcast from society, that they may find  
welcoming and supportive communities and know the love of God.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who strive to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ  
throughout the world, that God's Spirit will strengthen them  
in their work of witness.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our own parish family, that we will work together  
to deepen prayer, enable communion and strengthen mission,  
both within and outside our community.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who suffer ill health or any kind of disability,  
that Christ will bring them peace and strength.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: God our Father,  
you are our strength and our protection.  
Open our hearts to your grace  
that we may always know, and do, your will.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.