

PRIEST: We are called to 'stay awake because we do not know the day or the hour'. Let us always be alert to the needs of others as we place our prayers before God:

READER: **For the Church that, as custodians of the faith handed down to us, we may find new ways to proclaim the Gospel today.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the fallen of two world wars and the many conflicts which have scarred our world, that God may call them into light, judge them with mercy and grant them peace.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For health care workers throughout the world, and especially for all who have given their lives and sacrificed their own health in order to care for those who are sick and the dying.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those who are preparing for marriage, that their mutual love will grow into a lifelong and faithful commitment.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For ourselves that, in our own lives, we may recognise the call of Christ the bridegroom.**

(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 help and our strength.
Open our hearts to respond to your call
that we may always know, and do, your will.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.