

PRIEST: The Lord keeps faith forever and raises up those who are bowed down.
Confident in God's love, let us turn to the Father in prayer:

READER: **For the Church, that all the all the People of God may be
the sacrament of God's mercy, coming to the aid of those
whom society has abandoned.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For world leaders and those in government, that all politicians
may hunger and thirst for what is right.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are unemployed that, their self-esteem undiminished,
they may soon find suitable and rewarding work.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those who hold positions of influence or power,
that God may work in their hearts and direct their minds
to work for the common good.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our own parish community, that we may always give
faithful witness by reflecting Christ's gentle mercy
in our daily living.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick or suffering, lonely or infirm,
that God's love will raise them up with healing and compassion.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,
you sent your Son among us, born of Mary.
May our response to your Word be deep and true
so that we might make him known to the world,
for he is Lord forever and ever.