

PRIEST: Confident in the Father's eternal and unconditional love for us,  
we now turn to him with our prayers:

READER: **For the Church, that its faithful proclamation of the Gospel,  
calling people to repentance, may be heard and heeded by all.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all world leaders that they will see  
that in the Gospel of Jesus Christ we have an unfailing guide.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our parish community, that each of us will be  
true ambassadors of God's reconciliation - in our families,  
among our friends and in our places of work.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all mothers and for those who share the gift of life with others.  
May each of us learn to be generous in sharing our lives.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For the sick and the suffering, the homeless and the housebound, and  
for all who are bereaved, that they may know the comfort of Christ's love.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: God our Father,  
your Word Jesus Christ  
spoke peace to a sinful world  
and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation  
by the suffering and death he endured.

Teach us, the people who bear his name,  
to follow the example he gave us.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.