

PRIEST: Trusting in the Father's great love for us  
and confident that he will hear and answer us  
we 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 leaders in government, medicine and education,  
that they may grow ever deeper in their commitment  
to protect and care for human life.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all those preparing to receive the sacraments  
that they may always recognise, and be open to, God's grace and love.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

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

READER: **For those who are sick or suffering in any way,  
that they will be strengthened by the knowledge of God'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.