

PRIEST: Having listened to God's word we turn in prayer to the Lord,
with our needs and the needs of our world:

READER: **For the Church that, crying out for justice, she may bring
the light of faith to those searching for truth.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For peace in our world, that mutual distrust and prejudice
may be resolved by non-violent means.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For an end to poverty and injustice, that we may all be generous
in sharing the earth's riches with those who are poor or less fortunate.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those who live under the threat of the clenched fist
or wicked word, that God may surround them with compassion
and renew them in patience.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our own parish community, that we may be Christ present
in our world today – 'salt of the earth' and 'light of the world'.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick or suffering, elderly or housebound,
that they will be comforted by the knowledge of God's love.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,
your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires.
Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace
and lead us in the way of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.