

PRIEST: Gathered as a faith community to celebrate God's unfailing love and mercy, we now turn to him in prayer:

READER: **For the Church, that all who lead and guide us in our faith may be examples of true witness to Christ's compassion for all.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For peace in our world, that God will turn the hearts of those who choose injustice or persecution away from sin and towards life and love.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who work in education, that their labours will be blessed as they offer their gifts of knowledge, insight and wisdom to their students.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For those who suffer the injustice of racism, that all humanity may unite as one in working for harmony, justice and peace.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our parish community that, as we gather for the Eucharist, we do so as a reconciled people, united in heart and purpose.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who are sick or in pain, or facing any kind of difficulty, that God may lift them up and grant them strength, hope and healing.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: God our Father,  
we ask you to hear the prayers we bring to you.  
Help us to acknowledge your greatness  
and to serve you with grateful hearts.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.