PRIEST: Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled.

Like Mary, let us now trust that he will hear our prayers:

READER: For the Church, that she, like the Virgin Mary, may bring Christ

into the world with joy, and be joined with him in endless life.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy...

READER: For government leaders, that the Assumption of Mary

may awaken them to the supreme dignity of each human life.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy...

READER: For all mothers, that they may find in Mary

the example and strength to carry out their vocation.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy...

READER For the lowly, the hungry and the dispossessed,

that the Almighty will do great things in their lives

and in the lives of all who are deprived of human dignity.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy...

READER: For our own parish community, that,

inspired by Mary's witness of faith and her holiness of life,

we may always be positive signs of hope.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy...

READER: For all who are sick or suffering in any way, that they may

find strength, consolation and healing by turning to Mary,

who intercedes for us from her place in heaven.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy...

PRIEST: God our Father,

by bringing Mary, body and soul, to heavenly glory,

you give us new hope.

May we never doubt that you will hear and answer our prayers,

We ask this through Christ our Lord.