

PRIEST: God's help is near for all who call on him.  
With confidence we turn to him with our prayers:

READER: **For the Church, that she may be a place of welcome for  
all peoples and a place of faithfulness to God**  
*(pause)*  
*Lord in your mercy*

READER: **For our world, that those in authority will govern with  
justice and integrity and be blessed by their people.**  
*(pause)*  
*Lord in your mercy*

READER: **For all Christians and other faith communities suffering persecution,  
that their faith will strengthen them and that they may receive  
compassion and care.**  
*(pause)*  
*Lord in your mercy*

READER: **For young people everywhere that the Holy Spirit  
will guide and direct them in all the decisions they make**  
*(pause)*  
*Lord in your mercy*

READER: **For our own parish community, that we will always listen to  
the voice of the Lord and so know, and do, his will.**  
*(pause)*  
*Lord in your mercy*

READER: **For all who are sick,  
that the Lord will look on them with compassion,  
as he did the Canaanite woman's daughter.**  
*(pause)*  
*Lord in your mercy*

PRIEST: Merciful 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.