

PRIEST: Let us turn to the Lord with our prayers,  
asking that his voice will renew in us  
our love for God and our neighbour.

READER: **For the Church and for Christians everywhere,  
that we will all put into practice Jesus' commandment  
to love our neighbour as ourselves.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all caught up in conflicts  
because of their religious belief or practice,  
that that will encounter understanding, tolerance and mercy.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who exercise authority and leadership: that they may recognize that  
their authority is entrusted to them for the good of others and never place  
unreasonable burdens on those whom they serve**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For children everywhere, especially those who are at risk,  
that the people charged with their care will do all in their power  
to ensure their safety and well-being.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our own parish community, that we will see the face of Christ  
in our neighbours and respond generously to those in need.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who are sick or dying, and for those who care for them,  
that Christ will bring them peace and strength.  
We pray, too for all who have died, that God will bring them to eternal life.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: God our Father,  
you are our strength and our protection.  
Open our hearts to your grace  
that we may always know, and do, your will.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.