PRIEST: Let us turn to God our Father

in confidence that he will provide for all our needs

READER: For the Church, that all Christ's faithful people will commit themselves to bringing his light to the whole world.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For all those in government, that they will always strive to protect the dignity of human life.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For the fallen of two world wars and the many conflicts which have scarred our world, that God may call them into light, judge them with mercy and grant them peace.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For all who are starved of hope, especially the world's poor, that their sufferings may be recognised and alleviated by the love of those who care.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For our own parish community, that we may be always ready to hear God's word, do God's will and face God's judgement.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For the sick, the suffering and the housebound, that they may know the healing touch of God's love.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Heavenly Father,

you know each one of us and all our needs. Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace

and lead us in the way of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.