PRIEST: 'Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ' says St Paul.

Let us stand in prayer before our loving Father:

READER: For the Church, that she may read 'the signs of the times'

and interpret them clearly in the light of the gospel.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For all who preach the word of God, that they may proclaim boldly

the never-failing, never-ending love of our Creator.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For our world and all its peoples, that political leaders everywhere

may act with integrity to foster world peace and prosperity.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For our own parish community, that our sharing in this Eucharist

will help us to become more faithful in our witness to gospel values.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For those who have turned away from their faith,

that they may know the compassionate love of God

and hear his voice calling them by name.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For all who are sick or suffering, homeless or housebound,

that they will experience the healing touch of Christ.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,

you have set us on the way of discipleship,

teaching us to live and love as you did.

As we journey together,

we ask you to hear and answer our prayers,

through Christ our Lord.