

PRIEST: 'Happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear'.  
Blessed by God we give thanks and pray:

READER: **For the Church: that, in witnessing to Christ,  
she may be a sign of joy and hope for all people.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For world peace: that people of all faiths and none  
may live in harmony and with mutual respect.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who suffer as a result of war, disease, or natural disasters:  
that they may find hope, peace and the promise of new life.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For the work of the Apostleship of the Sea and for all who earn  
their living on the seas, especially those who spend long periods  
away from their families in order to make our lives more comfortable.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who will go to bed hungry tonight, that their cries may  
be heard and answered by those who enjoy abundance.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who are sick or housebound, lonely or bereaved:  
that they will be comforted by the knowledge of Christ's love.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: God our Father,  
may our hearts always be open to receive your word,  
that the Gospel may grow within us  
and yield a harvest which is a hundredfold.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen