

PRIEST: With confidence and trust in God's mercy we turn to our loving Father with our prayers for all in need:

READER: **For the Church and all church leaders, that they may look to the humble and lowly for inspiration and understanding as they lead us in seeking to follow Jesus.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For diplomats throughout the world, that they may promote peace and work for unity among all peoples.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the grace to be childlike before God, that we may accept the gift of relationship with God like a child and be open to learn new things each day.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who have suffered abuse of any kind, that the Christian love and compassion they experience will bring them comfort and support.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our own parish community, that in the Word and in spiritual communion, we may all find rest and peace in Christ.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the neglected, the housebound, the sick, and for all those who are terminally ill, especially those who find themselves suffering alone at this time, that they will know comfort and support.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Gracious God,
we ask you to continue to watch
over the lives of your people.
Hear our prayers
and grant that we may draw closer to you each day.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.