

PRIEST: In Baptism we are all made daughters and sons of the Father
and so with confidence in his great love for us
we turn to him with our prayers:

READER: **For the family of the Church that, by our unity and love,
we will always bear witness to the love of God our Father.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the whole human family that we may learn to live in peace,
striving to break down the barriers of prejudice and intolerance.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For broken families, that they may try to find common ground
on which children may flourish in loving and lasting relationships.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For Christians everywhere, that they will endeavour to defend
the sanctity of human life from conception to death.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick or suffering in any way,
particularly those who are victims of violence or natural disasters,
that they will be comforted by the love of Christ.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **Let us pray for a moment in silence, bringing our needs
and the needs of all those whom we love, to the Lord.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God of love, Father of all,
teach us the sanctity of human love,
and help us to live in peace with the whole of humanity
that we may share your life forever.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
in the splendour of eternal light
one God forever and ever. Amen