

- PRIEST: Let us turn to the Lord with our prayers
asking for all we need to be faithful to the work of conversion,
repenting of all that takes us away from God:
- READER: **For the whole Church, that all who follow Christ
may be a source of encouragement and strength
for those seeking conversion.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For all those preparing to receive the sacraments
that they may be fully open to God's grace and love.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For governments and legislators, that they may work to
establish and protect the dignity and equality of women in society.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For all God's people, that we will have the strength
to be faithful to his commandments.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For our own community that, for each one of us,
this time of Lent may be a time of deepening conversion.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For all who are sick or suffering, lonely or bereaved,
that the Lord will bring healing to the sick, comfort to the dying,
conversion to sinners, and light to those experiencing darkness.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- PRIEST: God our Father,
in charity, fasting and prayer
you have shown us a remedy for sin.
Listen in love to our prayers
and lift up our hearts
with the assurance of your mercy.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.