

PRIEST: With trust in the God of life, we now offer our prayers to the Lord:

READER: **For the Church throughout the world that,
faithful to her Risen Lord, she may preach the Gospel of Life
and turn the hearts of all towards the love of God.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the leaders of nations and those in authority,
that they might come together to advance the right
of religious freedom for all people.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are tortured for their faith, race, orientation or
political beliefs, that the brutality of torture may be exposed
and that justice may take root among the nations.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all of us gathered here to celebrate the Eucharist,
that we might be renewed in our commitment to follow Jesus
with fidelity, trust and joy.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the elderly, the infirm, the sick and the suffering,
and for all those who grieve, that the peace of Christ,
the Lord of everlasting life, will rest on them.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,
you have made us your
sons and daughters in Jesus Christ.
Help us always to live by that truth,
that we may know, and do, your will.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.