

PRIEST: With hearts full of thanksgiving, we turn to God in prayer,
for our needs and the needs of others:

READER: **For the Church, that all her members may bear witness
to the saving power of God.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all in government, that they will protect the least among us,
especially those who are marginalised by society.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For outcasts, foreigners and refugees, that they will always
find a welcome in our midst.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all gathered here today, that we will strive for peace
in our world, in our homes and in our hearts.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who suffer in any way, especially those who are isolated
from family, friends and community, due to illness or disease,
that they may be comforted by the healing touch of Christ.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Merciful Father,
hear the prayers we bring to you.
Help us to acknowledge your greatness
and be signs of your love and compassion to all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen