

PRIEST: Filled with the knowledge of God's everlasting love for all,  
we now turn to him with our prayers:

READER: **For the Church, entrusted with the riches of the Gospel,  
that we may pray with faith, act with justice and so be  
a living sign of God's presence in the world.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our world, especially those trampled upon by the powerful,  
that God's justice may dawn in the world through  
the grace of God and the courage of people of good will.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For the harvest and for all who work to bring food to the table,  
that they may receive a just reward for their labours.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our own community,  
that we may be a people of prayer, listening and responding to  
the Word of God and the needs of others.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For the aged and infirm, the bereaved and the lonely,  
that they may know comfort and healing.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: Merciful Father,  
you are our help and our strength.  
Open our hearts to your grace  
that we may always know, and do, your will.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.