

PRIEST: Mindful of God's command to care for those less fortunate than ourselves, we turn to him in prayer:

READER: **For the Church, that the Spirit of God may make her a prophetic voice in the world, humbly and faithfully embracing the needy with the generosity of Christ himself.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the world and all its leaders, that their policies and choices will be made with the good of all people in mind.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those countries still burdened by unjust debt, that the wealthy nations of the earth may act with justice, compassion and generosity.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our parish community, that our ears may be opened to the Gospel message and, especially, to the needs of others.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the sick and the suffering, the lonely and the fearful, that they will know the comfort and the infinite love of God.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Gracious God,
we ask you to hear our prayers
and grant that we may draw closer
to you, and to each other, each and every day.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.