

PRIEST: Like the psalmist, we know that God has always been our refuge, our source of strength, and so, in confidence, we turn to him with our prayers:

READER: **For the Church throughout the world,
that all her members will renew and deepen
their commitment to living as true disciples of Christ.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our world, that leaders of governments may promote
human rights for all, particularly for those who live in fear.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all children and young people as they begin, or return to,
school or college, and for parents that, as the first teachers of faith,
they may always strive to nourish and develop
the spiritual lives of their children.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our own parish community that, as one in Christ,
we will endeavour to recognise and serve Christ in others.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the sick, the suffering, the lonely and the bereaved,
that they will know the healing touch of Christ.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Loving Father, we are the work of your hands;
free us from every kind of slavery, above all the slavery of sin,
that we may come to enjoy the true freedom of the children of God.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.