

PRIEST: The Apostle Paul urges us 'to give our undivided attention to the Lord'. Let us now turn to him in prayer, for our needs and the needs of the world:

READER: **For the Church, that our bishops may faithfully proclaim the gospel with authority, making a deep impression on all who hear them.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the world, that our concerns about money may not distract us from the needs of the poor and the underprivileged.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those parts of our world still in the grip of racial tensions, that there will be a greater understanding that all people are created as equals and in the image and likeness of God.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all those in need, that the crippled, the blind, the homeless, the mentally ill and the aged will always be treated with dignity and respect.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our own community, that, as disciples united in communion with Christ, we may also be one in witness, service and mission.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick or suffering in any way, that they will be comforted and strengthened by the knowledge of God's love.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

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