

PRIEST: In his lifetime, Jesus reached out to the sick and the broken-hearted.  
Let us, too, reach out to them with our prayers:

READER: **For the Church, that all the baptised, guided by the Holy Spirit,  
may, without fear, speak out for justice and freedom.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For the world, that richer nations and peoples  
may share their bread with the hungry  
and shelter the homeless poor.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For victims of human trafficking, and those who work to combat it,  
that all of us might live in such a way  
that others are not made to pay the price for our comfort and convenience.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For those burdened with depression or deep anxiety,  
that they may receive the care that they need,  
the love they desire and the healing they seek.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our own community that, in communion with Christ,  
we may respect and value the Christ-like gifts we find in others.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

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

PRIEST: God our Father,  
your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires.  
Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace  
and lead us in the way of salvation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.