

PRIEST: As we wait and watch for the coming of the Lord once again
we turn to God in prayer:

READER: **For the Church, that the Lord will grant wisdom and insight
to all who lead and guide us in our faith.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our world, that those in authority may work to create
a just and fairer society for all.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For a renewed generosity in service, that each person
will have the wisdom and courage to discern their own gifts
and offer them freely to build up the Body of Christ.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our country and for the family of nations, that God may reign in the
hearts of all and so bring peace justice and truth to the ends of the earth.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick, suffering, housebound, elderly or infirm:
that they will be comforted by the healing touch of Christ.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all those who have died,
that the Lord will raise them up and grant them everlasting joy.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,
we ask you to hear and answer our prayers
so that in the time between Jesus' ascension
and his return in majesty,
we may bear witness to your great love for us.

We ask this in the name of him
who has ascended to your right hand,
there to celebrate life with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.