

PRIEST: With gratitude for the gift of the Eucharist,  
which strengthens and renews us,  
we turn to the Father with our prayers and petitions:

READER: **For the Church, that all who lead us and guide us in our faith  
will help us to live as the one Body of Christ, growing ever closer to Jesus.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For world leaders, that they will always strive  
to satisfy the human hunger for peace and justice.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who are in need, that richer peoples and nations  
will share their bread and wealth with those who are poor.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For the Jewish people, the first to hear the promises of God,  
that they may be faithful to the covenant they received  
and obedient to the commands of God.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our parish and for all who hunger for meaning  
and purpose in their lives, that our needs will be satisfied by  
turning to Jesus, the living bread.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who are sick, or suffering in any way,  
that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: God our Father, as we celebrate today's feast,  
hear our prayers and grant us a love of the Eucharist  
that will never grow stale  
but will deepen and intensify  
all the days of our life.  
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.