

PRIEST: The Apostle James tells us to do what the word tells us,  
not just listen to it. As Jesus did, we now turn to the Father in prayer:

READER: **For the Church, that the Spirit of God  
may make her a prophetic voice in the world,  
and the message of truth be made known to all nations .**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who hold positions of authority in the world,  
that God's law will guide them in the ways of justice and truth.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who are orphaned, widowed or bereaved that they may  
find friendship and support which will bring healing and hope.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our own community, that we may be cleansed of all  
that diminishes our power to love as Christ loves.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For the sick and the suffering, the elderly and infirm,  
that they will experience the infinite love of God.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who have died, that they may dwell on the  
holy mountain and live forever in the presence  
of the Lord.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

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