

PRIEST: Aware of God's presence with us, we turn to him in prayer
for our own needs and the needs of others:

READER: **For the Church, that all her members may bear witness
to the saving power of God.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all in government, that they may protect the least among us,
especially the most vulnerable and those who are marginalised.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For outcasts, foreigners and refugees, that they will always
find a welcome in our midst.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those who have been blessed with an abundance of good things,
that they may open their hands and their hearts to the poor.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who do not have access to clean water or safe sanitation,
that governments, agencies and charities will work together
to overcome this.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our own parish community, that we will
constantly give witness to the message of the Gospel.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick or who suffer in any way, that they will be comforted.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Merciful Father,
hear the prayers we bring to you.
Help us to acknowledge your greatness
and to serve you with grateful hearts.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.