

- PRIEST: Let us turn to the Lord who loves us and intercedes for us,
bringing to the Father our needs and the needs of the world:
- READER: **For the Church, that she may be faithful to God's commandments
as revealed in creation, in the Covenant, and in Jesus.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For leaders of nations and all in authority, that they may govern
with wisdom, understanding and a special care for the poor.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For poor countries caught up in the oppression of debt,
that wealthy nations will have the courage and generosity
to free them from their bondage.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For all who seek to follow the commandments of Christ
that they may be living signs of the nearness of God's kingdom.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For our own parish community,
that we may have the spirit of charity in all our dealings with others,
so that your light may shine out in all we do and say.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- READER: **For all who are sick, lonely or distressed,
that God may be their refuge,
enfolding them in love and inspiring them in hope**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy
- PRIEST: God our Father,
you are our strength and our protection.
Guide us to love you with heart and soul, mind and strength,
and our neighbours as ourselves,
We ask this through Christ our Lord.