

PRIEST: As we seek to prepare our hearts and our world  
for the coming of the Lord  
let us turn to our loving Father:

READER: **For the Church, that all who follow Christ  
will heed his call to repentance  
and be ready to greet him when he returns in glory.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our world, that people will be more willing  
to share the earth's resources  
so that the basic needs of all will be met.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For ourselves, that the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist  
may be a constant reminder to us to share our lives with those we meet.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For our own parish community,  
especially those who are sick, troubled or bereaved,  
that they will be strengthened by the knowledge of Christ's love.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For refugees, asylum seekers and all who are far from home,  
that the loving mercy of God will preserve and support them.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: Heavenly Father,  
you are our strength and our protection.  
Open our hearts to your grace  
and lead us to your Kingdom.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.