

PRIEST: Let us now turn to God our Father, the source of all that is good,
asking him, with humble hearts, for all that we need to live in his light.

READER: **For the Church, that our belief in Christ as King will lead us
to value the things of God's kingdom more than the things of earth.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For those who lead us and guide us in our faith that, by their example,
Christians throughout the world will allow the love of Christ to fill
their hearts and send them out to spread the Good News to our world.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the young people of our diocese,
and for all who work with and for them,
that they may always be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For each one of us gathered here,
that we might be strengthened in our resolve
to follow and serve Jesus, the King of the Universe.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the sick and the housebound, for the bereaved
and for all the faithful departed,
that they may know the comfort of Christ's love.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, open our hearts to you,
that we may allow ourselves to be moulded
by the transforming grace of your Word.
We ask this in his name, Christ Jesus, our Lord and King.