

PRIEST: In faith and trust that our prayers will be heard and answered,
we now bring our prayers and petitions to the Lord:

READER: **For the Church, that all her members will persevere in faith
as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For peace in our world that, where there is war,
hatred, conflict or violence, peacemakers may bring news
of a just and lasting peace.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are prisoners and for their families and
friends whose lives are affected by their imprisonment,
that they may experience justice and peace.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our own parish community, that we may always
act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God
throughout this Advent season.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick or suffering in any way, that they will know
the healing touch of our Lord's love for them.**

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Loving God,
we bring our prayers before you,
asking you to grant all that we need
to be faithful followers of your gospel
as we await the coming of your Son.
We ask this in His name, Christ, our Lord.