

- PRIEST: God always hears and welcomes our prayers.  
Let us turn to him with our needs and the needs of our world:
- READER: **For the Church, that all Christians may resolutely follow Jesus  
in living lives of self-sacrificing love.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**
- READER: **For all who exercise a ministry of preaching that,  
grounded in the life-giving word of God,  
they may speak words of compassion and of hope.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**
- READER: **For all the peoples of the world that the seed of God's love,  
sown in the death and resurrection of Christ,  
will draw all of humanity to the new life of God's kingdom.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**
- READER: **For those whose voices are not heard,  
that the eyes and ears of the world will be opened  
to the suffering of the weak and the oppressed.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**
- READER: **For our own parish community,  
that we will always listen to the teaching of Christ and act upon it.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**
- READER: **For those who are sick or suffering in any way,  
that they will experience the healing touch of Christ's love.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**
- PRIEST: Father, may your Holy Spirit  
prepare us in joy for the day  
when you will harvest  
the seeds you have sown among us.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.