

PRIEST: Let us 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 modern kings and those in government, that they will strive  
to protect the rights of workers, the disabled and the unborn.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who lack food, water, shelter and clothing, that those  
who have an abundance will share willingly and generously  
with those who have little or nothing.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For the unemployed, the addicted and the abused, that they may find  
hope and help through faith and the generosity of those who care.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For young people in the world who do not know friendship  
and the love of a family, that their hearts will be touched  
by the love of Jesus through the positive action of others.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all the sick and housebound, that the Word of God  
may be a constant source of comfort and strength in their lives.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: Heavenly Father,  
look upon us, your servants,  
and hear these prayers we make in faith,  
that we may dedicate our lives to serving you  
in all those who need our care.  
We ask this through the King of all, Jesus Christ our Lord.