

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

PRIEST: On this Feast of the Presentation of the Lord  
we join with the prayer of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
presenting our prayers and ourselves to the Lord.

READER: **For the whole Church that, inspired by the Holy Spirit  
with wisdom and knowledge, we may follow the example of  
Simeon and Anna in making Jesus and his mission known to the world.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For government officials throughout the world,  
that they may come to the temple of the Lord frequently  
to seek wisdom from his Word and grace from his presence.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For the children of our world that they may be loved and cherished  
by their families and by the societies in which they live.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who live under the constant threat of violence and  
the shadow of war, that all people will turn from violence to peace.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all young people who are preparing this year for their  
First Holy Communion or to receive the sacrament of Confirmation,  
that they will always keep Jesus at the centre of their lives.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who are bereaved and for those who are  
sick or suffering in any way.**  
*(pause)*  
**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: Almighty Father  
you have given us Jesus your Son,  
the light of the world.  
May we always walk in his light and live by his truth.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.