

PRIEST: As we seek to prepare our hearts and our world
for the coming of the Lord
let us turn to our loving Father:

READER: **For the Church, that all who follow Christ
will heed his call to repentance
and be ready to greet him when he returns in glory.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our world, that people will be more willing
to share the earth's resources
so that the basic needs of all will be met.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For ourselves, that the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist
may be a constant reminder to us to share our lives with those we meet.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all gathered here: that the Synodal Process
may lead us ever deeper into the communion of the Church,
foster our participation in it, and equip us to go out on mission.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For refugees, asylum seekers and all who are far from home,
that the loving mercy of God will preserve and support them.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Heavenly Father,
you are our strength and our protection.
Open our hearts to your grace
and lead us to your Kingdom.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.