

God of all beauty,  
whose will it is that all your children  
should enjoy the world and the life you have given us:  
we know that many are unable to do this,  
through hunger, poverty, disease, oppression, ignorance, or sin.  
Give us hearts of compassion,  
unselfish concern and loving care and action,  
that all may have the abundant life which is your will.  
Grant to your children in need  
patience and courage under their sufferings,  
with hope and peace in their hearts;  
and grant to us who have enough of this world's goods,  
so to share our substance and use our skills,  
that in our day and age we may see  
no more suffering for want of the necessities of life.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

### **Victims of addiction**

Loving Father, who sent your Son to set men free:  
we pray for those who are bound by the chains of addiction  
to drugs, to drink, to gambling, or any other evil.  
Strengthen them by your Holy Spirit,  
that their bonds being broken,  
they may be restored to fullness of life in Christ;  
and show us the ways by which we may both help those who suffer  
and prevent others from becoming enslaved.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

**The aged**

Look with mercy, O God our Father,  
on those whose increasing years  
bring them weakness, distress, or isolation.  
Provide for them homes of dignity and peace;  
give them understanding helpers,  
and the willingness to accept help;  
and, as their strength diminishes,  
increase their faith and their assurance of your love.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

### **The underprivileged**

Almighty Father, as we pray for the impoverished people of the earth,  
help us to remember that we ourselves are poor in spirit  
when, in our plenty, we leave them in misery and want.  
Teach us that there can be no peace in the world without justice,  
and no justice unless we share what we have  
with those who are dying of hunger.  
Open our hearts to give as well as to pray,  
and to give generously,  
as we remember the example of him who gave his all for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

### **The poor and neglected**

Most merciful Father, we remember before you  
those whom it would be easy for us to forget:  
the poor and the homeless,  
the old and the friendless,  
and all who have none to care for them.

Bless those who minister to their needs,  
that they may bring them comfort and hope;  
and show us what we can do,  
as servants of your Son,  
who for our sake became poor,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

### **Victims of violence**

We commend to your merciful care, O God,  
those who suffer and those who sorrow  
as a result of acts of terrorism and war.  
Heal the injured; comfort the bereaved; console the dying.  
Deliver us from evil,  
and lead us all in the ways of justice and peace;

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

### **For Prisons and Correctional Institutions**

Lord Jesus, who for our sake was condemned as a criminal:  
Visit our jails and prisons with pity and judgment.  
Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance  
and amendment of life according to your will, and give them  
hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them  
release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice.  
Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them  
humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming  
brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison,  
O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. In all  
this we ask for your mercy. **Amen.**

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

## The deaf

God of all mercy, speak to our hearts  
that your word may awaken in us  
a deeper concern for the needs of those  
who are handicapped by deafness.

May they be delivered from the loneliness of silence,  
find within it the fullness of your love;  
and may they know  
the melody of the Spirit in their hearts,

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

## The sick

Heavenly Father, all healing is with you.

We bring to you all those who suffer in body mind or spirit  
and offer our minds in love and tenderness and sincerity.

Grant them healing, if that may be; but above all,  
grant them your peace and joy

that they may know that you are with them,

that they are safe, and that nothing can snatch them from your hand  
or finally defeat your purposes.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**