Lent

I invite you to respond with 'In your mercy hear us' when I say 'Lord of compassion'.

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, let us pray to the Father... Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us**.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Father... Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us**.

For those preparing for baptism [and confirmation] ... and for their teachers and sponsors, let us pray to the Father...

Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Father...

Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, let us pray to the Father...

Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For those whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to the Father... Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, let us pray to the Father... Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness, let us pray to the Father... Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.