

Jesus, you have taught us how we should live and how we should pray:  
receive the prayers we offer.

You taught us: 'Blessed are the peacemakers', but  
too often the aggressors flourish.  
We pray for all people in places of danger and conflict;  
for the leaders of nations and all who work for peace.  
Challenge our values again Jesus, and, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You taught us: 'Blessed are the merciful, but too often  
we harbour hatreds and cry for revenge.  
We pray for all who experience oppression and  
injustice;  
for all who make and administer laws.  
Challenge our values again Jesus, and, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You taught us: 'Blessed are the meek', but too often  
the arrogant and proud prosper.  
We pray for the weak and vulnerable members of  
society;  
for all who are advocates for those without a  
voice.  
Challenge our values again Jesus, and, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You taught us: 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst  
after righteousness', but too often we hunger for success  
and thirst for material riches.  
We pray for ourselves, our families and friends;  
for all with whom we share our lives in this community  
Challenge our values again Jesus, and, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You taught us: 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness'  
sake' but too often your prophets are unheard or ignored.

We pray for your church, its clergy and people;  
for prophets and teachers and all who minister in  
your name.

Challenge our values again Jesus, and, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You taught us: 'Blessed are those who mourn', but too often  
those in distress feel abandoned and afraid.

We pray for all who suffer, for the sick and for the dying;  
for the lonely, the fearful and the grief-stricken.

Within our Parish we pray for: READ Weekly Prayer sheet

Challenge our values again Jesus, and, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Jesus, you have taught us how we should live and  
how we should pray, but too often we ignore your words  
and go our own way.

Challenge your values again Jesus, and, strengthen us  
to work for the coming of your reign, that with all  
your saints – the poor in spirit and the pure in heart –  
we may enter the kingdom of heaven and  
see our God.

Jesus, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We offer our prayers together as we pray:

Almighty God,  
true light of the world,  
and source of light eternal,  
shine upon the hearts of your faithful,  
that all in this holy place  
who are illuminated by these candles  
may walk with joy towards the light of your glory.  
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*And then place the folder ON THE ALTAR.*