

God our maker, you have created a world of beauty and abundance and fashioned humanity in your own image: hear our prayers for your world and your church.

We pray for the preservation of the earth,  
for creatures whose survival is threatened,  
for places of beauty that are polluted and destroyed.

When we are careless in our stewardship of the earth's treasures,  
when we are greedy for an unjust share of its bounty,  
reshape us in your hands until we turn away from evil and truly follow after you.

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

We pray for peace and prosperity,  
for your people in places of conflict and suffering,  
for leaders of nations and for all in government.

When we use our power to exploit the weak,  
when we remain silent in the face of injustice,  
reshape us in your hands until we turn away from evil and truly follow after you.

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

We pray for your holy, catholic church,  
for all who preach your gospel of salvation,  
for the clergy and people of this parish.

When we do not put you first in our lives,  
when our commitment falters and we stray from your path,  
reshape us in your hands until we turn away from evil and truly follow after you.

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

We pray for all in need or distress,  
for those who are hungry, homeless or unemployed,  
for those in grief, despair or pain.

**Within our Parish we pray for: READ Weekly Prayer sheet**

When we push the most vulnerable to the fringes of our community,  
when we are unmoved by the plight of our sisters and brothers,  
reshape us in your hands until we turn away from evil and truly follow after you.

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

God our maker, by your loving hands we were brought to birth, you shape our days and hold us at our death.

We give you thanks for all who have followed you faithfully to their life's end and who now are held in your keeping.

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When we fail you, reshape us in your hands that we also may take up the cross and follow you and, with all the faithful, come into the joy of your everlasting presence.

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

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We offer our prayers together as we pray:

**Lord God, King of the universe,  
you show the bright glory of your reign  
in acts of mercy and enduring love:  
raise the spirits of the downcast  
and restore those who have fallen away,  
that your Church may continually sing of your saving help,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*And then place the folder ON THE ALTAR.*