

A—Epiphany 5 / Ordinary Time 5

Presider or deacon

God sends us out as the light of the world, to shine before others. Let us pray for strength on the way and for all those in the church and the world who need justice, mercy, and peace.

Deacon or other leader

For the holy catholic church throughout the world.

Lord, have mercy.

For *N* our bishop, for presbyters, deacons, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy gathering and for all who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

Lord, have mercy.

For this country, for all nations and their leaders, and for our community.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed.

Lord, have mercy.

For the dying and the dead, and for those who care for them.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves, our families, friends, and companions on the way, and all those we love.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, *N*, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

Presider

Father in heaven, who teaches us to obey your holy commandments, hear our fervent prayers and lead all peoples of the world to your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.