

**These may be include in a litany prayer**

In the pain of lost lives,  
and shattered hope,

**Have mercy on us**

In our anguish at the violence  
that we can see in the world

**Have mercy on us**

In our despair at the escalating violence  
and famine in the North and East of Africa

**Have mercy on us**

In our compassion for all  
who are suffering

**Have mercy on us**

From the greed and injustice  
that divides the world into rich and poor

**O Lord, deliver us**

From hopelessness at seeing problems  
too large to know where even to start.

**O Lord, deliver us**

From being quick to blame  
and slow to respond

**O Lord, deliver us**

From the desire for revenge,  
that adds to the cycle of violence

**O Lord, deliver us**

For those who bring healing and peace

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For those who respond in crisis,

**Lord hear our prayer**

For wisdom, to choose paths of peace,

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For leaders trying to forgive,

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For solidarity with those experiencing famine

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For generosity to share fairly  
the world's resources.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For steadfast disciples, responding generously,  
for the needs of suffering people

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For mothers trying to get enough food  
for their starving children,

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For children whose tiny bodies can't cope  
without food for long.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For families who have sold the few  
possessions they own and now  
have nothing left

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For farmers, desperately waiting for rain

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For aid agencies and workers,  
responding with practical care  
in dangerous places,

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For the love and hope of Christ  
to be seen around the world.

**Lord, hear our prayer**