OPENING PRAYER

God of power, God of mercy, you bring forth springs in the wasteland and turn despair into hope.

Look not upon the sins of our past but lift from our hearts the failures that weigh us down, that we may find refreshment and life in Christ our liberator from sin, who lives and reigns with and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen



WEEK FOUR

THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

FINAL PRAYER

Loving Father, you are a God of mercy and compassion.

We thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, into our world to show and teach us how to love. When we walk through the Door of Mercy during this Holy Year, may we open our hearts to you so that we may reflect your love, mercy and compassion in our families, communities and parishes.

May we walk with Jesus through the 'streets of Galilee', comforting the sick, opening our arms to the 'little ones', sharing with the poor and searching out the marginalised in our society.

May it be a year when barriers between us fall and reconciliation becomes possible: a year when our faith in your mercy is strengthened and we learn how to be your face of mercy in our world.

Amen