

## OPENING PRAYER

God of compassion,  
you await the sinner's return  
and spread a feast to welcome  
home the lost.

Save us from the temptations that lead  
us away from you,  
and draw us back  
by the constancy of your love,  
that we may take our place  
in your household and gladly share  
our inheritance with others.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## 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**



WEEK THREE

THE PRODIGAL  
SON