

PRIEST: In faith and trust that our prayers will be heard and answered,
we now bring our prayers and petitions to the Lord:

READER: **For Pope Francis and all who minister in the Church
that they may always be faithful
to the Good News with which that have been entrusted.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the people of Bethlehem and the Holy Land,
that bitterness may be ended, peace reign and justice flourish.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all pregnant women,
especially those experiencing difficulties,
that they may find strength through prayers to our Blessed Mother.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the sick, the lonely and the needy,
that Christ will bring them healing and wholeness.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who have died, that they may be made holy by Christ
and receive the promise of eternal life.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God of everlasting love,
we ask you to answer our prayers
and pray that only your will
be done in and through us.
We ask this in His name, Christ Jesus, our Lord.