PRIEST: In confidence that all things are possible with God we turn to the Father with our prayers:

READER: For Pope Francis, our bishops, priests and deacons, that they may continue to guide and lead us in the ways of holiness. (*pause*) Lord in your mercy

READER: For our world, that those in authority may safeguard the rights and dignity of every person through the laws they enact and the policies they develop. (*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 our own parish community, that we will accept the challenge to model our lives on the life of Christ, in response to his call to lead lives of holiness. (*pause*) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For all who are sick or suffering, lonely or housebound, that they will find comfort and companionship in this time of grace. (*pause*) Lord in your mercy
- PRIEST: God of everlasting love, we ask you to answer our prayers that only your will be done in and through us. We ask this in His name, Christ Jesus, our Lord.