

PRIEST: Rejoicing that God will listen lovingly to our prayers
we turn to him in humility with all our needs

READER: **For Francis our Pope and Declan our bishop,
that they will continue to encourage the faithful
to nurture their faith and grow in their love of God.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all in government, that they may defend and protect
religious freedom in their policies and laws.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who work as magistrates and judges,
that their judgments may be tempered with
mercy and compassion for both the victims and the accused.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our own parish community, that, we will never cease to
turn to God in prayer for guidance and spiritual growth.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For the vulnerable, the sick, the suffering and the bereaved,
that they will know the comfort of Christ's love.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Faithful and merciful God,
you have made us your daughters and sons in Christ.
Open our hearts
that we may hear more clearly your message of love
and live more closely in accordance with your will.
We ask this in his name, Christ our Lord. Amen.