



Loving and gracious God,

**My parish is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.**

**It will be friendly if I am.
It will be holy if I am.
Its pews will be filled if I help fill them.**

**It will do great work if I work.
It will be prayerful if I pray.
It will make generous gifts to many causes
if I am a generous giver.**

**It will bring others into worship
if I invite and bring them.
It will be a parish of loyalty and love
of fearlessness and faith
of compassion, charity and mercy
if I who make it what it is
am filled with these same things.**

**May your Holy Spirit strengthen
and guide me
as I dedicate myself to the task
of being your good and faithful servant.**

**With confidence and trust,
I make this prayer through
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

