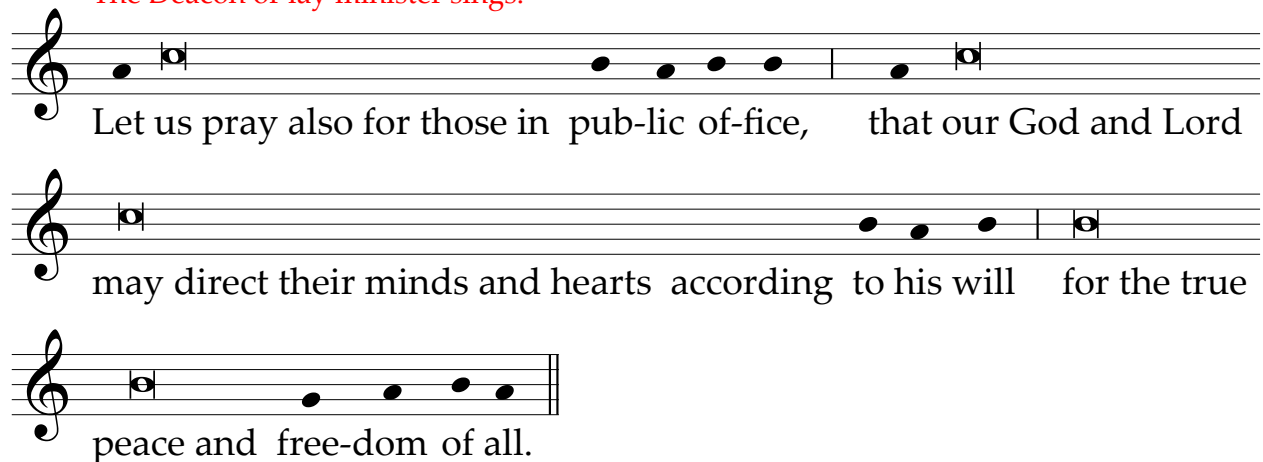


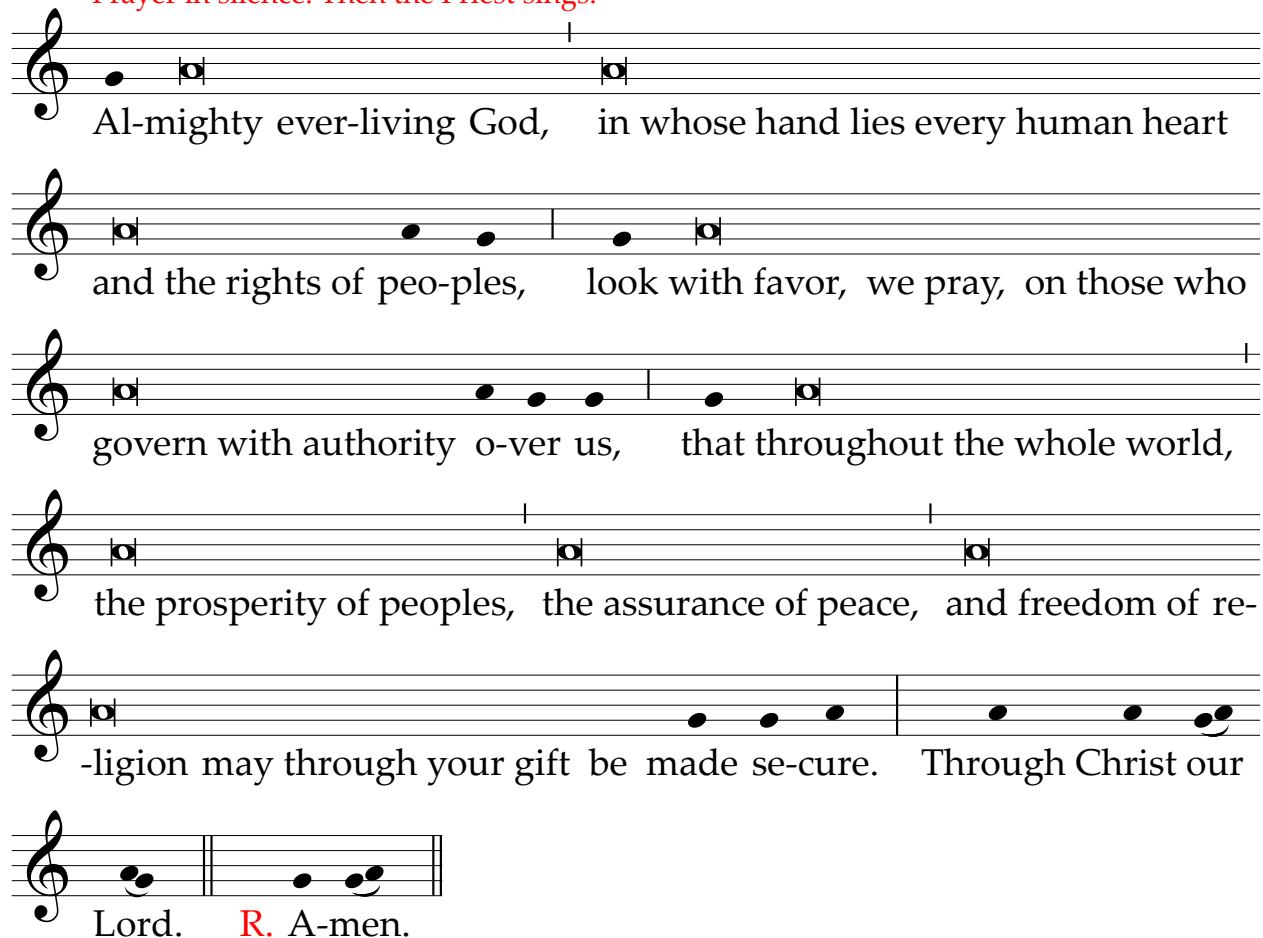
IX. For those in public office

The Deacon or lay minister sings:



Let us pray also for those in public office, that our God and Lord
may direct their minds and hearts according to his will for the true
peace and freedom of all.

Prayer in silence. Then the Priest sings:



Almighty ever-living God, in whose hand lies every human heart
and the rights of peoples, look with favor, we pray, on those who
govern with authority over us, that throughout the whole world,
the prosperity of peoples, the assurance of peace, and freedom of re-
ligion may through your gift be made secure. Through Christ our
Lord. **R.** A-men.