

Prayer of the Faithful – General Intercessions (Samples)

Priest: Let us join together in praying not only for _____, but also for those who mourn _____, and that those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God.

Please respond, “Lord, Hear Our Prayer.”

Suggested beginning prayers:

In Baptism, (deceased's name) received the Light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now, and lead (her/him) over the waters of death.
We pray to the Lord . . (response)

For _____, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that _____ may now be admitted to the company of the saints.
We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

For _____ who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that _____ may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

For _____, who was nourished at the table of the Savior, welcome _____ into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

To all those touched by _____ during _____ lifetime and left better for having known _____. We pray to the Lord. . . (response)

For all who knew and loved _____, that they may draw inspiration from _____ life. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

Let us pray in gratitude for _____, for _____ well-lived life . . . _____ faithful and abundant love of family and friends, _____ spirit of graciousness, and _____ concern for others. May _____ now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord (response)

That God may grant us the grace to follow _____'s example and find joy in life and family. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for _____. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

Additional Samples of Prayers for the Prayer of the Faithful

Suggested prayers for the sick and their caregivers:

For doctors, nurses, caregivers, and all who bring comfort and healing to those who are suffering. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

For first responders, doctors, nurses, caregivers, and all who bring comfort and healing to those who are suffering, especially to the caregivers who took such wonderful care of _____. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

Let us pray for all caregivers, whose expertise and compassion bring comfort to those who suffer from physical or mental illness. May they have courage and hope in their ministry. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

For all those people who ministered to _____ during _____ illness, that they may be blessed in abundance with God's love for them.
We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

For all who are sick, may the Lord fill them with courage and give them strength. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

For all who may be suffering from physical or mental ailments, that the Lord give them solace, comfort and healing. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

For those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body, that they may never feel forsaken by God. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

Suggested prayer for military and for peace:

For those who protect and defend our country, that God will guide them and keep them safe. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

That the Lord may help families with men and women in the armed forces to cope with daily challenges in the absence of their loved ones.
We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

That the nations of the world will seek to work together in harmony and peace. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

That the hearts of all men and women will be moved to pursue true peace and justice. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

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Suggested prayer for mothers:

For mothers everywhere, may they be blessed with selfless and tender love for each of their children, leading them to know and do what is good.

We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

Suggested prayer for creation:

That we may care for the earth and its creatures, and may we work to protect the peace that belongs to all of creation. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

Suggested prayers for the people in Church, our family and friends:

For all those assembled here who may be suffering in mind, body, or spirit, that _____ watch over and bring solace to them.

We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's Kingdom. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

For each of us with whom _____ so generously shared _____ many gifts, may we, too, grow in the ability to share our gifts and lighten the burdens of others. We pray to the Lord. . . (response)

For _____'s family and friends who gave such meaning and joy to _____ life. Help heal their pain and give them peace.

We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

For the family and friends of _____, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

The family and friends of _____ seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief.

We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

For all of our extended family, that we may follow _____'s example and find joy in life and family. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

We pray for _____'s family, that the Lord will fill the present emptiness in their hearts with the love and prayerful support of our many friends.

We pray to the Lord. . . (response)

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Suggested prayers for the deceased:

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the Kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.

We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

For all of our deceased relatives and friends, particularly _____'s (names of a few deceased relatives) that they continue to live in our hearts. We pray to the Lord . . (response)

Let us pray for all of our deceased family and friends, especially _____. May they experience the eternal love of God face to face.

We pray to the Lord (response)

For our deceased relatives and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

That God may welcome into His Glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life and grant them peace in the Kingdom of Heaven.

We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

For those who trusted in the Lord and now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.

We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

Suggested prayers for the ending:

_____ has finally reached the shore of eternity; now that all ____ earthly tasks are completed, may ____ rest from all ____ labors.

We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

Finally may God give us the grace to live each day in loving service, and look to the future with faith and hope. We pray to the Lord. . . (response)

Lord Jesus, Gentle Shepherd, who brings rest to our souls, give peace to _____ forever. We pray to the Lord . . . (response)

For a moment, let us be with our own memories of _____.

We pray to the Lord. . . (response)