



Funeral Mass

Prayer of the Faithful

A selection of sample intercessions.



Below you will find a selection of sample intercessions. You are welcome to adapt or change them as you wish. N. stands for the name of the deceased. The person leading the prayer can use the name they would have normally used for the deceased. For example, you might use Kathleen, Nan, Mom or Auntie Kay depending on your relationship to the deceased. You are of course welcome to compose your own intercessions. Feel free to use as many or as few as you wish, although generally families include between four and six prayers. The priest will introduce and conclude the prayers of intercession.

For the deceased person:

- + In baptism, N. was given the pledge of eternal life. May he/she now be admitted to the company of the saints. *Lord, hear us.*
- + N. fought the good fight; he/she finished the race; he/she kept the faith; may he/she now receive from Christ the crown of eternal glory which He won for us with His death and resurrection. *Lord, hear us.*
- + We pray for N. that God will reward him/her with peace and joy for the good he/she did during his/her life. *Lord, hear us.*

For those who mourn:

- + For N.'s family, that in these difficult and dark days they may be sustained by their faith, and by the knowledge that they will be reunited with N. one day in God's heavenly Kingdom. *Lord, hear us.*
- + That those who grieve over the loss of N., that they all may be comforted by the knowledge that the Lord will take care of him/her. *Lord, hear us.*
- + For all who knew and loved N.: that they may draw inspiration from his/her life. *Lord, hear us.*
- + For all here present: that our remembrance of N. may be a source of comfort and strength to us. *Lord, hear us.*
- + N.'s family and friends seek comfort and consolation. Lord, heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. *Lord, hear us.*

General intercessions:

- + We pray for all doctors, nurses and carers, particularly those who were so good to N. during his/ her time of illness. Grant them Lord the reward of their kindness and care. *Lord, hear us.*
- + The gift of life, which we all share, is very precious. Lord, make us more aware of the gifts and talents you have given us, particularly those that we so often take for granted. May we use them to make the world a better place. *Lord, hear us.*

- + For all of us gathered here: that we may remember at all times, but especially at times of trouble and anxiety, that we are loved by God and that the Lord will take care of us. *Lord, hear us.*
- + For all who are sick. May the Lord fill them with courage and strength and surround them with tender love and care. *Lord, hear us.*
- + For justice in our world: we ask you Lord to protect the vulnerable, to provide for the needy, to grant justice to all who are oppressed so that all people may enjoy the freedom and dignity that is your deepest wish for all peoples. *Lord hear us.*

For all the deceased:

- + For our deceased relatives and friends, especially [*name those whom you wish to include in prayer*]: that God may bring them into the light of his presence and give them a share in his glory. *Lord, hear us.*