

Prayer of the Faithful

The Prayer of the Faithful follows after the homily. We pray here for the deceased and his or her family and friends, for all the dead and those who mourn them, and for the needs of the wider community.

Please choose **four** intercessions from the following or you may wish to compose your own prayers.

General Intentions:

Let us pray for (N) our Holy Father (N) our Bishop and all those who proclaim the consolation of Christ's death and resurrection to families and communities in sorrow. Increase their faith and make them bearers of lasting and meaningful hope.

Lord, hear us.

You knew that your death, O Jesus would mean suffering for your friends; - give us the courage to follow God's way through the mystery of pain throughout the world.

Lord, hear us

3. O God You promised eternal life to all who follow your way; raise up all who have died. We pray especially for N in gratitude for her/his life in family and those with whom she/he came in contact.

Lord, hear us

Now that N has come to the end of her/his earthly journey, may Christ give her/him a place at the banquet of the kingdom of heaven.

Lord, hear us.

For those who mourn

5 We pray for N who leaves us in death, that God will bring her/him safely home and share with her/him the joys of the Kingdom of light, happiness and peace.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who mourn N; they may be assured of Christ's closeness to them in their sorrow and find strength and comfort through their faith in Jesus our risen Saviour

Lord, hear us.

Let us pray that the emptiness of our lives may be gradually filled with peace and hope which Christ's Resurrection gives to each of us, we pray.

Lord, hear us.

As we reflect on the contribution of N to her/his family, friends and the wider community let us remember her/him with affection. May we strive for perfection in the service of Christ, his Church and the community in general.

Lord, hear us.

9 We pray for N, that God the Father will lead home and share with her/him the joys of the Kingdom - light, happiness and peace.

Lord, hear us.

For the deceased members of the (N) Family

God our Father, you have gathered us all into the family of your love. We pray for the deceased members of the (N) family (or (N) and (N) families).

We remember especially her/his
deceased parents (N)
sons and daughters (N)
brothers and sisters (N)
others (N)

May the light of Christ shine on them.

Lord, hear us.

For those who Care for the Sick

11. Let us pray in thanksgiving for those who tended to N her/his illness; (Doctors, nurses, medical staff, carers, home help personnel);

Lord we thank you for the gifts you have given them and ask you to bless them.

Lord, hear us.

12. For all of us gathered here: that we may remember at all times, but especially in times of trouble and anxiety, that we are loved by You, God and that You will take care of us.

Lord, hear us.

13. Let us pray for those who cannot be here today, especially N..... We present to the Lord their grieving, their mourning and their desire to be here.

Lord, hear us.

Prayer - For all those who have died

14. As we pray for N let us remember the deceased, those we have loved and cherished; all the dead of this parish; those who died recently and all those who have no one remember them.

May you, O God, welcome them into the radiant light of your presence.

Lord, hear us.

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