

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

You may use one of the following formulas, combine parts of several together, adapt the material below to your circumstances, or compose one of your own.

1. Priest: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for the Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join in our prayers to his:

Lector: Our response is Lord, hear our prayer

Lector: In baptism \_\_\_\_\_ received the light of Christ.

Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. We pray to the Lord.

Lector: Our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_ was nourished at the table of the Savior.

Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord.

Lector: 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.

Lector: 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.

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Lector: The family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ seek comfort and consolation.

Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

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Lector: We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_.

Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming.

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Priest: Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

2. Priest: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead;  
with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

Lector: Our response is Lord, hear our prayer

Lector: For \_\_\_\_\_ who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life,  
that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. We pray to the Lord.

Lector: For our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_ who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life,  
that he/she may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord.

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

Lector: 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.

Lector: For the friends of our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_,  
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.

Lector: 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.

Priest: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people:  
Hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters.  
Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption.  
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3. Priest: My dear friends, let us join with one another in praying to God,  
not only for our departed brother/sister, but also for the Church,  
for peace in the world and for ourselves.

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Lector: That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God.  
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