

Prayers of the Faithful Option A

The priest begins:

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

Assisting minister:

In baptism **N.** received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

Assisting minister:

Our brother/sister **N.** was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

Assisting minister:

[For a religious: Our brother/sister **N.** Spent his/her life following Jesus, poor, chaste and obedient. Count him/her among all holy men and women who sing in your courts.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer

Assisting minister:

[for a bishop or priest: Our brother **N.** shared in the priesthood of Jesus Christ, leading God's people in prayer and worship. Bring him into your presence where he will take his place in the heavenly liturgy.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer

Assisting minister:

[For a deacon: Our brother **N.** served God's people as a deacon of the Church. Prepare a place for him in the kingdom whose coming he proclaimed.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer

Assisting minister:

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

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer

Assisting minister:

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.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer

Assisting minister:

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

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer

Assisting minister:

[For the mourners: The family and friends of **N.** seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister **N.** Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming.

Lord, in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer

The priest then concludes:

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.

R. Amen