

Prayers of the Faithful Samples

(Choose 5 or 6 petitions, or feel free to write your own.)

The reader will say -- Please respond with "Lord, hear our prayer".

For the deceased person:

- For _____ who received the light of Christ in baptism: that he/she may be welcomed into an everlasting home in heaven. We pray to the Lord.
- For _____: that the Lord Jesus, gentle Shepherd who brings rest to our souls, will give peace to him/her forever.
We pray to the Lord.
- For _____: that Holy Spirit will scatter the darkness and lead him/her over the waters of death, to the heavenly realm. We pray to the Lord.

For the deceased person's family and friends:

- For all the family and friends of _____: that they may feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief. We pray to the Lord.
- That the family and friends of _____ may seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray to the Lord.

In thanksgiving:

- In thanksgiving for _____'s strong Catholic faith that he/she passed on to others through his/her words and actions. We pray to the Lord.
- For all the nursing and professional caregivers who assisted throughout _____'s illness: that they may be rewarded for their kindness. We pray to the Lord.
- In thanksgiving for all the caregivers who attended to the needs of _____. A special thank you to the staff at _____ for their wonderful care and compassion. We pray to the Lord.

Special intentions:

- For those who have served in the military forces defending our country: that they may be richly blessed for their courage and selflessness. We pray to the Lord.
- For those in public office: that they will promote justice and peace.
We pray to the Lord.

- For peace throughout the world: that God will turn hearts away from violence and open new paths to understanding so that all may live in peace and safety. We pray to the Lord.
- For people who are deprived of freedom, devastated by hunger, or denied their human dignity: that God in his mercy will relieve their suffering. We pray to the Lord.
- For anyone facing physical, emotional, and spiritual challenges: that they will be sustained by the Grace of God. We pray to the Lord.
- 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.
- For anyone who is suffering in body, mind, or spirit: that they may be inspired to face adversity with the positive attitude and perseverance that _____ demonstrated throughout his/her life. We pray to the Lord.
- For our friends and family who are ill: that they may find comfort and strength in Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord.

For others who have passed away:

- For those who have departed this life, especially _____ who rest now in God's embrace: that they may rejoice in the company of all the saints. We pray to the Lord.
- For all the friends and relatives of _____ who have died: we especially remember his/her late wife/husband _____, whom he/she has now been reunited with in the heavenly kingdom. We pray to the Lord.
- For family members who have died: that their souls may rest in the peace of the kingdom of God. We pray to the Lord.

Silent prayer intentions:

- And for the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts: (pause for a few seconds) We pray to the Lord.
- And for the unspoken prayers which we now bring before the Lord (pause for a few seconds) We pray to the Lord.
- And for our personal intentions which we are mindful of at this time: (pause for a few seconds) We pray to the Lord.