

Prayer of the Faithful

Option A

Priest

Brothers & 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:

Reader

Our response will be "**Lord Graciously Hear Us.**"

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

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

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

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

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

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

4. 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 Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

5. 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 Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

6. The family and friends of N. seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

7. 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 Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

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 the Lord. Amen

Option B

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:

Reader

Our response will be “**Lord Graciously Hear Us.**”

1. For N. who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

2. 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.

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

3. For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

4. For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

5. For the family and friends of our brother/sister N., that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

6. For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

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.

Option C

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.

Reader

Our response will be "**Lord graciously hear us.**"

1. That the bishops and priests of the Church, and all who preach the Gospel, may be given the strength to express in action the word they proclaim.

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

2. That those in public office may promote justice and peace.

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

3. That those who bear the cross of pain in mind and body may never feel forsaken by God.

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

4. That God may deliver the soul of his servant N. from punishment and from the powers of darkness.

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

5. That God in his mercy may blot out all his/her offences. Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

6. That God may establish him/her in light and peace.

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

7. That God may call him/her to happiness in the company of all the saints.

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

8. That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life.

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

9. That God may give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful departed

Lord Hear Us.

R. Lord Graciously Hear Us.

Priest

O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your departed servants release from all their sins. Hear our prayers for those we love and give them the pardon they have always desired.

Option D

Priest

Let us turn to Christ Jesus with confidence and faith in the power of his cross and resurrection:

Reader

Our response will be "Lord have mercy."

1. Risen Lord, pattern of our life for ever. "Lord, have mercy"

Response: Lord have mercy.

2. Promise and image of what we shall be. "Lord, have mercy."

Response: Lord have mercy.

3. Son of God who came to destroy sin and death. "Lord, have mercy."

Response: Lord have mercy.

4. Word of God who delivered us from the fear of death. "Lord, have mercy."

Response: Lord have mercy.

5. Crucified Lord, forsaken in death, raised in glory. "Lord, have mercy."

Response: Lord have mercy.

6. Lord Jesus, gentle Shepherd who brings rest to our souls, give peace to N. forever. "Lord, have mercy."

Response: Lord have mercy.

Priest

Lord Jesus, you bless those who mourn and are in pain. Bless N.'s family and friends who gather around him/her today. "Lord, have mercy."

General Intercessions for a Baptized Child

Option E

Priest

Jesus is the Son of God and the pattern for our own creation. His promise is that one day we shall truly be like him. With our hope founded on that promise, we pray:

Reader

Our response will be "Lord graciously hear us."

1. That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of N. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

2. That God will bring to completion N.'s baptism into Christ.

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

3. That God will lead N. from death to life.

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

4. That all of us, N.'s family and friends, may be comforted in our grief. Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

5. That God will grant release to those who suffer.

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

6. That God will grant peace to all who have died in the faith of Christ.

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

7. That one day we may all share in the banquet of the Lord, praising God for victory over death.

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

Priest

Lord God, you entrusted N. to our care and now you embrace him/her in your love. Take N. into your keeping together with all children who have died. Comfort us, your sorrowing servants, who seek to do your will and to know your saving peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Option F

Priest

The Lord Jesus is the lover of his people and our only sure hope. Let us ask him to deepen our faith and sustain us in this dark hour.

Reader

Our response will be "Lord graciously hear us."

1. You became a little child for our sake, and learned obedience through suffering.

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

2. You welcome children, promising them your kingdom.

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

3. You comforted those who mourn the loss of children and friends. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

4. You took upon yourself the suffering and death of us all. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

5. You promised to raise up those who believe in you just as you were raised up in glory by the Father.

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

Priest

Lord God, you entrusted N. to our care and now you embrace him/her in your love. Take N. into your keeping together with all children who have died. Comfort us, your sorrowing servants, who seek to do your will and to know your saving peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.