

Prayer of the Faithful

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL 1

PRESIDER: Gracious God,
you raised Jesus from the dead,
with confidence we ask you to hear our
prayer:

READER: Our Response is: **Gracious God, Hear our Prayer.**

For N____ who in Baptism was given the pledge of Eternal
Life, that he/she now be admitted to the company of the saints, we
pray...

For N____ who ate the Body of Christ, the Bread of Life, that
he/she may enjoy the vision of God, we pray...

For the family and friends of N____ that they may be
consoled in their grief by Christ who wept at the death of his friend
Lazarus, we pray...

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

PRESIDER: God, our shelter and our strength,
you listen in love to the cry of your people;
hear the prayers we offer.
Receive your son/daughter into your Sacred
Presence
and comfort his/her family in this time of
grief.

We pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL 2

PRESIDER: My dear friends,
let us join with one another in praying to
God,
for N____, for the Church,
for peace in the world, and for ourselves.

READER: Our Response is: **Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For all Christians, that we may live the Gospel and express in action what we profess, we pray...

For N____ that God may receive him/her into the joy of all the saints, we pray...

For the family and friends of N____ who mourn his/her death, that they may receive God's strength and consolation, we pray...

For our families and friends who have departed this life, that they may rest in the light and peace of God's kingdom, we pray...

PRESIDER: O God, Creator and redeemer of all the faithful,
hear our prayers for those we love.
Grant them the pardon they have always desired.

We ask this through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

PRESIDER: Brothers and sisters,
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead
and sits at the right hand of God,
interceding for us.
Confident that God hears all who trust in Christ Jesus,
let us join our prayers to His.

READER: Our response is: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

In Baptism, (N)_____received the Light of Christ. Scatter the
darkness now and lead him/ her over the waters of death, we pray...

Our brother/sister (N)_____was nourished at the table of the
Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet, we pray...

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us in
death. Grant them a place in your eternal kingdom of peace, we pray...

The family and friends of (N)_____seek comfort and consolation.
Heal their pain; dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief, we
pray...

PRESIDER: Loving God, giver of peace and healer of souls,
hear the prayers of our Savior Jesus Christ
and the voices of your people,
whose lives were redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.

We ask this through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL 4

PRESIDER: We remember that Jesus wept at the death of Lazarus.
Let us turn to our compassionate God
as we mourn today for our beloved N_____

READER: Our Response is: **Compassionate God, hear us.**

That N_____ enter with great joy into the eternal home of God, we
pray...

That all who mourn the death of N_____ receive the consolation of
God's tender mercy, we pray...

That God will grant us the courage and grace we need at the hour
of our own death, we pray...

That this gathering on the occasion of N_____ 's death help us
to appreciate and reverence life, we pray...

PRESIDER: We are you people, O God.
Sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
Strengthen our hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you forever and ever.

Amen.