

Funerals  
**Prayers of the Faithful**

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### **Option 1 | General**

*Priest: 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 he hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:*

Reader: In baptism **N.** received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Our brother/sister **N.** was nourished at the table of the Saviour. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: 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.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: As the family and friends of **N.**, we seek comfort and consolation. Heal our pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*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.*

**All: Amen.**

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### **Option 2 | General**

*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: 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. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For our brother/sister **N.** who was nourished by the Body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For all of 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.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: 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.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: 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. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together with all our loved ones again in God's Kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the sorrow of your people: hear the prayers we offer for all who have died. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

**All: Amen.**

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### **Option 3 | General**

*Priest: Let us come to our Loving Father, asking him to give eternal rest to the departed, and comfort and hope to the living.*

Reader: For our brother/sister **N.**, that he/she may receive the happiness of eternal life, promised in his/her baptism into Christ's Church, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For those who mourn the loss of **N.**, that their grief may be lightened by the risen Christ and his promise to unite us again in our heavenly home, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For the grace of a well-prepared death, that, when God calls, we will be ready with the lamp of faith alight and our baptismal robe unstained, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For the forgiveness of sins, that our prayers and the offering of this atoning Sacrifice will bring all the departed to the full vision of God's glory, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest: God of our salvation, you reward the just and console those who mourn. Hear our prayers in the name of you risen Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.*

**All: Amen.**

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### **Option 4 | General**

*Priest: Dear brothers and sisters, whether we are alive or dead, we belong to the Lord. Let us turn to him in prayer that before the mystery of death he may instill in us the blessed hope of the resurrection.*

Reader: For our brother/sister **N.**, that the Lord, who assigns the time to be born and the time to die, may welcome him/her into the peace of the heavenly Jerusalem, we pray.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For our deceased brother/sister **N.**, that the seed of the resurrection received in Baptism and nourished by the Eucharist may bear fruit in the fullness of glory, we pray.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For the family, relatives and friends of **N.**, that the sorrow of parting will open up to the certainty that death does not break our communion with Christ in whose body we all live, we pray.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For the Holy Church, that she may proclaim with apostolic clarity the victory of Christ over death as a response in faith to the anxiety of men and women about their future, we pray.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For all us gathered here, that celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord, we may die to sin and rise to new life, we pray.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest: In life and in death we are yours, O Father; confirm us in this faith and welcome our brother/sister **N.** into the presence of the saints in the glory of your reign. Through Christ our Lord.*

**All: Amen.**

## **Option 5 | For a Mother**

*Priest: Dear brothers and sisters, the Lord is always faithful and raises those who have fallen in the shadow of death. Moved by the Holy Spirit, with living faith we offer our prayers :*

Reader: Welcome into paradise, with the Virgin Mother and all the saints, this our sister, who lived as a believer her vocation in life as woman, wife and mother; that she may share the eternal happiness of your friends. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Support with the comfort of your presence her husband **N.**, her children **A.** and **B.** and all her family and friends who are in sorrow. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Remember the good that **N.** did in this life; may it bear fruit and be continued by others. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Instil in us the hope that the ties of love interrupted on this earth will be restored in your heavenly kingdom. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Turn your compassionate gaze towards those who are suffering because of illness, loneliness, poverty, injustice and war. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Increase in the baptised, their faith in the resurrection, strengthen their hope and make them fervent in charity. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest: Heavenly Father, in your Son, delivered to death for us, you have revealed your immense love; through the power of his Resurrection make efficacious our prayer that the sadness of this hour may become a serene waiting for life without end. Through Christ our Lord.*

**All: Amen.**

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### **Option 6 | For a Father**

*Priest: To the God of our fathers and of Jesus Christ, to the God, not of the dead, but of the living, always faithful to his promises, we trustingly offer our common prayer:*

Reader: Receive our brother **N.** into your home together with all those who have preceded him towards you. We pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: May he share the eternal happiness of your friends; the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, with the Virgin Mother, Saint Joseph and all the saints. We pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Sustain with the comfort of your presence **N.**'s wife, **A.**, and children **B.** and **C.** together with all his family and friends who are in sorrow. We pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Remember the good that he accomplished in this life; may it bring forth fruit and may it be continued by others. We pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Instil in us the hope that the ties of love interrupted on this earth will be restored in your heavenly kingdom. We pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Direct your pilgrim Church in the world towards things that do not perish. We pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest: O Father, in your Son, delivered to death for us, you have revealed your immense love; through the power of his Resurrection make efficacious our prayer that the sadness of this hour may become a serene waiting for life without end. Through Christ our Lord.*

**All: Amen.**

## **Option 7 | For an Elderly Person**

*Priest: Renewed in faith and hope by the word of God, the living water which flows for eternal life, we direct to the God of the living our humble prayer:*

Reader: Good and faithful Father, our brother/sister **N.** in his/her long earthly existence always entrusted himself/herself to you, believing and hoping in eternal life; welcome him/her now into your fatherly arms and give him/her the grace to sing of your love in eternity. We pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Father of believers, you who assure that neither death nor life, neither present nor future will ever separate us from your love, console those who suffer at the death of this our brother/sister. We pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Father of the living, you call each of us by name; welcome into the eternal feast of your reign the brothers and sisters whom we remember and those who no one remembers. We pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Father, glory of your people, you desire that all people be saved; may your Church be an efficacious sacrament of salvation for the life of the world. We pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest: Holy Father, you now give leave to your servant **N.** to go in peace according to your word. On this earth his/her eyes recognised Christ Jesus, your salvation; admit him/her without delay to contemplate the light which in faith and hope he/she awaited. Through Christ our Lord.*

**All: Amen.**



## **Option 8 | For a Young Person**

*Priest: Dear brothers and sisters, in the midst of deep sorrow, the Word of God gives birth to our humble and sincere prayer:*

Reader: Father of the living, you desire that every creature attain the fullness of life and joy; may this day of profound suffering for us, begin for **N.**, the feast of Resurrection and eternal life. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Father of every consolation, you have given us in Jesus the way, the truth and the life; console the cry of the parents, relatives and friends of **N.** and may they find in your Son the strength to continue their journey. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Father of the little ones and of the poor, you have at heart the needs of every creature; may we never forget to recognise the face of the Lord Jesus in the needy. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Father of compassion, you forgive all faults; show yourself full of mercy to those who have grieved for their sins and to those who did not know what they were doing. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Father of believers, renew the faith, hope and charity of your Church; in this Mass, may we intensely experience communion with the Church of Heaven. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest: Heavenly Father, in your Son, delivered to death for us, you have revealed your immense love; through the power of his Resurrection make efficacious our prayer that the sadness of this hour may become a serene waiting for life without end. Through Christ our Lord.*

**All: Amen.**

## **Option 9 | For a Child**

*Priest: Like the light in the darkness, the Word of God illumines the mystery of life and death. Sustained by the Spirit of the Risen Lord, we invoke the Father of life.*

Reader: Father of the little ones, even before he/she was created in the maternal womb, you loved this child/baby which death has taken. Welcome him/her now into your arms and grant to him/her the grace to joyfully play in your presence, in the gardens of heaven. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Father of every consolation, look upon the mother **A.**, the father **B.** and the brothers and sisters, relatives and friends of young **N.** who are distraught in sorrow; may you be their comfort, alleviate their sorrow and wipe away every tear from their eyes. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Father of the poor, you understand our affliction; come to the aid of children without food, without education, those who are not loved and who are victims of violence. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Father of believers, quench the thirst of your Church for eternal life at the font of living water, that it may continue to announce to the world that you are Love itself. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest: God of love, in the mystery of East your only Son passed from this world into the glory of your reign: grant to young **N.** a share in his victory over death and to be always with you, O Father, since your love is worth more than life. Through Christ our Lord.*

**All: Amen.**