

General Intercessions for Funeral Mass

(Choose 5-8, include at least one from each area)

A. For the Church, the World and its Leaders:

1. That the leaders of our Church and country be open to the Spirit to guide their people both for this life and the life to come, we pray to the Lord.
2. That the bishops and priests of the Church, and all who preach the Gospel, may be given strength to express in action the word they proclaim, we pray to the Lord.
3. That those in public office may value life and promote laws safeguarding life from conception to death, we pray to the Lord.
4. That the Church, its representatives and its liturgies be a source of comfort and strength for those who mourn, we pray to the Lord.
5. That the Church always stand as a living witness to Christ's victory over sin and death, we pray to the Lord.
6. That all members of the Church remember death not as an end but as a door to life in glory, we pray to the Lord.
7. That all people who mourn find consolation and peace through those around them, we pray to the Lord.
8. That the Holy Spirit guide our Pope, our bishop, all priests, religious, and all the people of God to live the Gospel, we pray to the Lord.
10. That civil and government leaders throughout the world work for lasting peace and justice for all people, we pray to the Lord.
11. May peace come to all parts of our troubled world and may all people welcome God into their lives and live together in peace, we pray to the Lord.
12. May the leaders of the Church share in the passion, death, and resurrection, and show forth the saving power of God, we pray to the Lord.
13. May world leaders strive for lasting peace and justice, and heal the wounds of division among all people, we pray to the Lord.

B. For the one who has died:

1. That _____ and all who have died may enjoy the vision of God with those in heaven, we pray to the Lord.
2. That _____, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, be admitted to the company of the saints, we pray to the Lord.
3. We are gathered here in faith and love to pray for our (brother/sister) _____. Strengthen our hope that we may live as a Spirit filled people, we pray to the Lord.
4. That our (brother/sister) _____ who was nourished at the table of the Lord be welcomed into the halls of the heavenly banquet, we pray to the Lord.
5. That God may call _____ to happiness, light and peace in the company of all the saints, we pray to the Lord.
6. As Baptism celebrated _____'s entry into the Christian community, so today we celebrate his/her entry into the kingdom of heaven, we pray to the Lord.
7. As each of us feels richer because of how _____'s life has touched us, so may we be encouraged to use the life and gifts God has given us to reach out to others in need, we pray to the Lord.
10. As _____ loved his/her family so dearly and through his/her example helped them to be better Christians, so may we continue to follow Christ, we pray to the Lord.
11. For all who have died, especially _____, may the crosses they have carried in this life become crowns of glory in eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

C. For Family and Friends who have died:

1. That our deceased relatives and friends and all who have helped us may be rewarded for their goodness, we pray to the Lord.
2. That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have been born to eternal life, we remember _____, we pray to the Lord.

3. That God may give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful departed, we pray to the Lord.

4. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us marked with the sign of their faith. We Remember _____, grant them all an everlasting home with your Son, we pray to the Lord.

5. That all who have died may come into the merciful presence of God and live there forever, we pray to the Lord.

6. May all who have died be gathered into God's kingdom, especially _____, and know the mercy and love of God, we pray to the Lord.

7. For all who have died, that they may follow Jesus into the kingdom of light and peace, we pray to the Lord.

D. For the Community:

1. That all assembled here to worship in faith be gathered together in God's kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

2. That the family of _____ receive comfort and healing through Christ's love, we pray to the Lord.

3. That we who gather here today stay ready to comfort all who suffer grief and loss, we pray to the Lord.

4. That all of us here present may one day enjoy eternal life in the company of our brother/sister and all the saints, we pray to the Lord.

5. That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God, we pray to the Lord.

6. That all who are sick, especially those near death, rejoice in the hope of the resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

7. That the memories of loved ones who have died lighten the sorrow of their passing, we pray to the Lord.

8. That the family of _____, knowing and loving him/her so well in life, be comforted by the hope of being with him/her forever in the kingdom of God, we pray to the Lord.

9. That all who suffer from terminal diseases may receive the courage and serenity of heart they need, we pray to the Lord.

10. That those who care for the sick, doctors, nurses, caregivers and families may reveal Christ's infinite patience and compassion, we pray to the Lord.
11. That all of us, still making the journey which _____ has now completed, remain faithful to God, the giver of all life, we pray to the Lord.
12. That through the Eucharist we may find strength and consolation to endure great suffering and trials in our lives, we pray to the Lord.
13. That we unite our choices with the will of God, and there find our true freedom and fulfillment, we pray to the Lord.
14. That we learn from the humility and obedience of Jesus to care for the needs of those we live with, we pray to the Lord.
15. That we respect all creation, and with faith and trust in God work to make a better world for all, we pray to the Lord.
16. May we be the healing, consoling, loving Body of Christ in the world today just as Christ, we pray to the Lord.
17. May we have the grace to persevere in prayer, especially in hard times, we pray to the Lord.
18. May all families be strengthened by their faith in God and receive the courage and hope to face the difficulties they encounter in their families today, we pray to the Lord.
19. That the Good News of salvation be given to those who are poor in body and spirit, to those who hunger for food for both body and spirit, we pray to the Lord.
20. That all of us, who through the incarnation became children of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, may live in peace with all our neighbors, we pray to the Lord.
21. That all Christians give witness to their baptismal promises and draw others to Christ through the example of love, we pray to the Lord.

