

**General Intercessions
(Prayers of the Faithful)**

Option # 1

After the homily, the person reading the intercessions walks up to the ambo (the lectern) on the altar and waits while the priest begins the intercessions with a short prayer such as:

Priest: O God, confident that you hear the voice of those who turn to you in faith, we offer our prayers:

For _____, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life; may he/she now join the communion of saints.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life; may he/she be raised up on the last day.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us; may they be rewarded for their goodness.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again; may they see God face to face.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith; may we be gathered together again at the heavenly banquet.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Father prays a concluding prayer. The person reading the intercessions remains at the ambo (the lectern) until all say "Amen," then returns to the pew.

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Option # 2

After the homily, the person reading the intercessions walks up to the ambo (the lectern) on the altar and waits while the priest begins the intercessions with a short prayer such as:

Priest: Brothers and sisters, because Jesus loves us as he loved Lazarus, Martha, and Mary, we are confident that he hears and answers our prayers:

In Baptism, _____, received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Our brother/sister _____ was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister _____ . Strengthen our hope that we may live in the expectation of the coming of Christ.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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