



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Normally four, five or six prayers are read. A suggested pattern is offered below:

- Prayer 1 for the deceased
- Prayer 2 for the deceased
- Prayer 3 for the bereaved
- Prayer 4 for the who cared for the deceased
- Prayer 5 for other deceased relatives

A series of options are offered below. Some of these prayers may be used, or new intercessions composed.

Family or friends, who feel up to it and are able, can read these prayers. One person, or a few people, can read these.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL – Option A

(add in names where appropriate)

1. For N., who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that (s)he may now rejoice in the company of the saints.

Lord hear us.

2. For those who mourn N.'s death: that they may find strength and consolation in the hope we have through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Lord hear us.

3. For those sick and suffering at this time, and those who care for them, just as they cared for N., that they may receive the comfort and strength of God's presence. Lord hear us.

4. For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may walk in goodness and holiness of life and one day be gathered together in God's Kingdom. Lord hear us.

5. That Christians may have the faith to see God's love in the world, despite pain and suffering, separation and loss. Lord hear us.

6. For all our deceased relatives and friends, remembering especially *(other deceased family members)*, and all who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may forever see the Lord face-to-face. Lord hear us.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL – Option B

(add in names where appropriate)

1. We pray for and hold his/her memory dear.
May his/her soul now rest in God's eternal peace.
Lord hear us.

2. We pray for’s family,
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and the whole family circle.
May God help them in the days of grief that lie ahead.
Lord hear us.

3. We pray for doctors, nurses and carers who attended to
May God bless their work.
Lord hear us.

4. We pray for ourselves gathered here in faith.
May Christ guide us in life and save us in death.
Lord hear us.

5. We pray for all who have died:
remembering also
May the Lord have mercy on their souls.
Lord hear us.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL – Option C

(add in names where appropriate)

- 1) We pray for **N.** and all those who also have died in Christ. May Christ now be their light, their joy, their consolation in the glory and peace of Heaven.
- 2) God is full of mercy and compassion. May He forgive **N.** any sins he/she committed through human frailty.
Lord hear us.
- 3) For the sorrowing family, relatives and friends of **N.** that they may find strength and consolation in their faith and in the love and support of the community.
Lord hear us.
- 4) We pray for all who are critically ill, and for all who care for them. May they have peace in their hearts and the hope to see the Lord in glory forever.
Lord hear us.
- 5) For all who have gathered here to worship in faith that we may be reunited one day with all whom we love, when every tear will be wiped away.
Lord hear us.
- 6) For the departed relatives and friends of **N.**, and for all who were close to us in this life, that the Lord may reward them for their goodness.
Lord hear us.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL – Option D

(add in names where appropriate)

1) In baptism **N.** was given the pledge of eternal life. May he/she now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Lord, hear us.

2) For **N.** that Christ may have mercy on his/her soul, and grant him/her full pardon for his/her sins.

Lord, hear us.

3) For the family of **N.** that in these difficult and dark days they may be sustained by their faith, and by the knowledge that they will be reunited with **N.** one day in God's heavenly kingdom.

Lord, hear us.

4) The gift of life, which we all share, is very precious. May the Lord make us more aware of the gifts and talents that we have been given, particularly those that we can so often take for granted. May we use them to make the world a better place.

Lord, hear us.

5) For all of us gathered here: that we may remember at all times, but especially at times of trouble and anxiety, that we are loved by God and that He will take care of us.

Lord, hear us.

6) We pray for all nurses and carers, particularly those who were so good to **N.** in the last months of his/her life.

Lord, hear us

7) For all the faithful departed: that they may see God face to face in the kingdom of heaven.

Lord, hear us.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL – Option E

(add in names where appropriate)

1) In Baptism **N.** received the light of Christ. May the darkness be scattered now and may he/she be led over the waters of death.

Lord hear us.

2) Our brother/sister **N.** was nourished at the table of the saviour. May he/she be welcomed into the halls of the heavenly banquet.

Lord hear us.

3) The family and friends of **N.** seek comfort and consolation. May their pain be eased and the darkness and doubt that comes from grief be dispelled.

Lord hear us.

4) For all who are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister **N.** May our hope be strengthened, so that we may live in the expectation of the Lord's coming.

Lord hear us.

5) Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day. May those who suffer so unjustly these sins against God's love, experience His mercy and be gathered into the eternal kingdom of peace.

Lord hear us.

6) Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. May they be granted an everlasting home with the Lord. ***Lord hear us.***

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL – Option F

(add in names where appropriate)

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.

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.

3) 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.

4) For doctors, nurses and carers, particularly those who were so good to **N.** in the last months of his/her life. May they have kind hearts and gentle hands.

Lord, hear us.

5) For all here present, that Christ may open our ears and hearts to receive His love and the Good News of salvation.

Lord, hear us.

6) 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.