

PRAYERS 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 those 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 **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.

Lord, hear us.

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 him/her in this life, that the Lord may reward them for their goodness.

Lord, hear us.