

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful
Funeral Mass for _____

Priest: Strengthened by our hope that God can transform our final goodbyes into the promise to “see you soon,” let us bring these prayers to the Lord.

Our response following each petition will be, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

For the church, that guided by the communion of saints who have gone before us, we might continue the work of Jesus and prepare a way for more people to join God in this life and the next,

We pray to the Lord

For our nation, that we may work together to bridge our differences and solve our shared problems with a renewed commitment to the common good,

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For all those who have died, especially the soul we commemorate today, that they may know the joy of resting in the Lord,

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For this community of faith, that we may find comfort in hearing the reassurances of Jesus as our loved one’s final farewell to us so that we can carry on their good work in the world,

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For all who knew and loved _____, that they may draw inspiration from his/her life, especially his/her love of family and the hospitality he/she bestowed upon all,

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We pause to add our own personal intentions in the silence of our hearts.....

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Priest: God of comfort, you have given us the assurance that our finite goodbyes do not have to be the last word. Grow our faith in your promises, so that we may draw closer to you and to all whom you love. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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For the church, that all the faithful will continue to seek the traits of the kingdom, prioritizing meekness over pride, a hunger and thirst for justice over apathetic complacency, and a willingness to accept persecution in pursuit of what is right over a desire to simply blend in,
We pray to the Lord

For all in our country, that we might learn to show the same mercy to one another that we need to receive ourselves, thereby deepening our empathy and understanding for everyone who lives in our communities,
We pray to the Lord

For the departed, especially _____, that they will indeed inherit the earth and know the peace and joy of the kingdom of God this day,
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For all of us gathered here to mourn, that we may trust that the just are indeed in the hand of God, so that the Beatitudes’ promise of comfort can become our reality now,
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Presider: Loving God, your works in the Beatitudes promise a transformation for all those who suffer. Help us to recognize the blessedness of your accompaniment now, so that we may go forward into the world with a renewed commitment to the traits rewarded in your kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who first taught us the values of the reign of God. Amen.