

General Intercession Options for Funerals

Option 1

Presider: With the hope in the resurrection of Christ and with deep sorrow in the loss of one we loved, let us call on God, source of all kindness and comfort.

Our Response to each is
LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Reader:

- 1) That all believers remember death not as an end but as a door to life in glory with God. We Pray...
- 2) For those family members who have already joined the kingdom of heaven; may they welcome _____ with open arms. We Pray...
- 3) That _____ family receive comfort and healing through Christ's love. We Pray...
- 4) That all people honor and respect life in every form; that our troubled world may know God's peace as well as the absence of war. We Pray...
- 5) May _____ life show the importance of family and love. We Pray...
- 6) For those who are sick in body, mind, and soul, may they have hope in God's love and healing and a supportive community. We Pray...
- 7) We pause and add the needs closest to our hearts. (pause) We Pray...

Presider: O God, you create the world from nothing and generously give all life. We stand with hearts filled with sorrow and joy. With outstretched arms, please welcome _____ and grant him/her the warmth of your loving embrace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Option 2

Presider: Introduction to Prayer

Our Response to each is
LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

- 1) Welcoming God may _____, who was baptized into life with Christ and nourished by the Eucharist, now be fully embraced into the heavenly feast and the friendship of the saints. We pray...
- 2) Bountiful God, we thank you for your servant, _____, who has shared his/her gifts and goodness with his/her family, friends, co-workers, and parishioners; we are grateful for the love, knowledge, creativity, care and hospitality he/she shared with us. We pray...
- 3) Awesome God may _____ journey with cancer (or _____) inspire us all to live courageously and positively during life's challenges and to not lose hope. We pray...
- 4) God of all Consolation may the friends and family of _____, find peace in our grief, trusting in Your loving plan and believing that what you have prepared for _____ and for all the departed members of the _____ family, is finer than we can possibly imagine. We pray...
- 5) God of Comfort may those who are sick or dying, hopeless, despairing or fearful, experience Your reassuring presence and strength through the loving assistance of family, friends, and caregivers. We pray...
- 6) Saving God, we pray for all of us here today and for all members of our Church; that we may be prepared for the hour of our death, when God will call us by name, to pass from this world to the next. We pray...
- 7) For the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts. (pause) We Pray...

Presider: Closing Prayer