

Funeral Prayers of the Faithful

After his homily, the priest will introduce the prayers. While he does that, the reader approaches the sanctuary, bows from the waist at the foot of the steps, and walks up the steps to the ambo (lectern). Where you see an "N.," please replace it with the deceased's name.

Reader: The response to our petitions is, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Reader: 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. We pray to the Lord... (Lord, hear our prayer)

Reader: 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. We pray to the Lord... (Lord, hear our prayer)

Reader: For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord... (Lord, hear our prayer)

Reader: 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. We pray to the Lord... (Lord, hear our prayer)

Reader: Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace. We pray to the Lord... (Lord, hear our prayer)

Priest: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

When the priest concludes the intercessions, please walk down the steps to the front of the altar, turn and bow towards the altar, and return to your seat.

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