

## Suggested General Intercessions to be Used at a Funeral

*These intercessions may be used or a family may choose to write their own prayers. The prayers should follow the format of the intercessions listed below. A family member may offer the prayers or it can be left to the deacon or priest.*

*(These prayers follow the homily. The reader should be in place before the introductory prayer).*

Priest: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son, from the dead;  
with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For \_\_\_\_\_ 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.
2. For our **brother/sister** \_\_\_\_\_ who was nourished by the Body of Christ, the bread of life, that **he/she** may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord.
3. For all of our deceased relatives and friends, especially  
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that they may have the reward of their goodness ... We pray to the Lord.  
  
Insert names of other deceased family members that you want to include. If it is more than three or four names you should consider inserting "...for all the deceased of the Smith and Jones family...."
4. For those who died without the love of friends and family this day, that they be welcomed into the arms of Christ and his Blessed Mother ... We pray to the Lord.
5. \_\_\_\_\_'s family and friends seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief....We pray to the Lord.
6. For all of us who are gathered here in faith, that we may be gathered together with all of our loved ones again in God's Kingdom ... We pray to the Lord.

(reader remains in place until the concluding prayer is finished)

Priest: God, our shelter and our strength,  
you listen in love to the sorrow of your people:  
hear the prayers we offer for all who have died.  
Cleanse them of sin and grant them fullness of redemption. We ask  
this through Christ our Lord. Amen.