

## Universal Prayer

*(Prayer of the Faithful / General Intercessions)*

You may use any of the following petitionary prayers, combine parts of several together, adapt the prayers to your circumstances, or compose one of your own. Consider having 5 to 8 prayers.

The Universal Prayer (*Prayer of the Faithful*) should be clear but brief and always lead to a communal response:

“Let us pray to the Lord. ***R/ Lord, hear our prayer,***”

If you chose to write your own, those given here may serve as helpful models.

The various intentions naturally include the deceased and bereaved, but also might reach out to persons in the community, the nation and others throughout the world who are in need of support.

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**Universal Prayer (*Prayer of the Faithful*)**

**#1 GENERAL choose any 5-8**

Priest: (He will begin with a prayer of his own.)

Our response is, Lord hear our prayer.

1. That \_\_\_\_\_ may rejoice in the gift of eternal rest and everlasting life.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*
  
2. That \_\_\_\_\_ may rejoice with the saints around God's throne.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*
  
3. That \_\_\_\_\_ may be raised up to the new and eternal life of God's love and glory.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*
  
4. That \_\_\_\_\_ may rest and rejoice in the presence of God's eternal glory.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*
  
5. That \_\_\_\_\_ who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that (he/she) now be admitted to the company of the saints.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*
  
6. That the family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*
  
7. That the memories of \_\_\_\_\_ help his/her family and friends to overcome their grief with the gratitude for the gift he/she has been to them.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*
  
8. That the family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ find rest from their sorrows through their faith in Jesus who conquered death for us all.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

9. That \_\_\_\_\_ 's family and friends may feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*
10. That all who have died rest in God's glory.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*
11. That the sick and the suffering, the ill and the infirm, may receive the tender loving care they need.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*
12. That all who have died, may rest in peace and the glory of Jesus who is our life and resurrection.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*
13. That our relatives and friends who have gone before us in faith may enjoy unending light and peace.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*
14. That our Lord will bless all who have offered their sympathy and support to those who mourn \_\_\_\_\_ 's death.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*
15. That those who cared for \_\_\_\_\_ be blessed for their efforts and their services to others.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*
16. That all of us here today may renew our appreciation for the gift of eternal life.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

Priest: (He will end with a concluding prayer of his own.)

Priest: (He will begin with a prayer of his own.)

Our response is, Lord hear our prayer.

1. That \_\_\_\_\_ may rejoice in the gift of eternal rest and everlasting life in the presence of God's glory.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

2. That \_\_\_\_\_, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that (he/she) now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

3. That the memories of \_\_\_\_\_, help (his/her) family and friends to overcome their grief with the gratitude of the gift (he/she) has been to them.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

4. That our relatives and friends who have gone before us in faith, (optional - especially \_\_\_\_\_) that they may enjoy unending light and peace.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

5. That our Lord will bless all who have offered their sympathy and support to those who mourn \_\_\_\_\_'s death.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

6. That those who cared for \_\_\_\_\_, (optional - especially \_\_\_\_\_) be blessed for their efforts and their service to others.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

7. That the family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ find rest from their sorrows through their faith in Jesus, who conquered death for us all.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

Priest: (He will end with a concluding prayer of his own.)

Priest: (He will begin with a prayer of his own)

Our response is, Lord hear our prayer.

1. For \_\_\_\_\_, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she/he may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

2. For our sister/brother who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that she/he may be raised up on the last day.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

3. For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

4. For the family and friends of our sister/brother \_\_\_\_\_, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

5. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the Kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

6. For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

Priest: (He will end with a concluding prayer of his own.)

Priest: (He will begin with a prayer of his own.)

Our response is, Lord hear our prayer.

1. For \_\_\_\_\_, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that (he/she) now be admitted to the company of the saints.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

2. 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.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

3. For the family and friends of our (brother/sister), \_\_\_\_\_, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

4. For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us; that they may have the reward of their goodness.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

5. For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

6. For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

Priest: (He will end with a concluding prayer of his own.)

Priest: (He will begin with a prayer of his own.)

Our response is, Lord hear our prayer.

1. In baptism, \_\_\_\_\_ received the light of Christ.  
Scatter the darkness now and lead (him/her) over the waters of death.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

2. Our brother/sister was nourished at the table of the Savior.  
Welcome (him/her) into the halls of the heavenly banquet.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

3. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

4. 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.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

5. Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord.  
Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

6. The family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ seek comfort and consolation.  
Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

7. We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our  
(brother/sister) \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Strengthen our hope so that we may live in expectation of your Son's coming.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

Priest: (He will end with a concluding prayer of his own.)



Priest: (He will begin with a prayer of his own.)

Our response is, Lord hear our prayer.

1. That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for the life of \_\_\_\_\_.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

2. That God will bring to completion \_\_\_\_\_ 's baptism into Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

3. That God will lead from death to life.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

4. That all of us, \_\_\_\_\_ 's family and friends,  
may be comforted in our grief.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

5. That God will grant peace to all those who suffer.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

6. That God will grant peace to all who have died in faith of Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

7. That one day we may all share in the banquet of the Lord,  
praising the victory over death.

Let us pray to the Lord. *R/ Lord hear our prayer.*

Priest: (He will end with a concluding prayer of his own.)