

Preparing a Funeral ~ St. John the Evangelist Parish



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

(Choose Model A or B)

MODEL A

The priest begins:

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his.

Reader:

- In baptism _____ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death.
Lord in your mercy:
R/. Hear our Prayer
- Our brother/sister _____ was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet.
Lord in your mercy:
R/. Hear our Prayer
- Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son, Jesus Christ.
Lord in your mercy:
R/. Hear our Prayer
- 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.
Lord in your mercy:
R/. Hear our Prayer
- 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.

Lord in your mercy:
R/. Hear our Prayer

- The family and friends of _____ seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

Lord in your mercy:
R/. Hear our Prayer

- We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister _____ . Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming.

Lord in your mercy:
R/. Hear our Prayer

- (*additional intentions:*)

Lord in your mercy:
R/. Hear our Prayer

The priest then concludes:

Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of our redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place of rest in the kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

MODEL B

The priest begins:

With 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.

Reader:

- That the firm hope of the resurrection fill the heart of every member of the Church, we pray to the Lord:
R/. Lord, Hear our Prayer

- That all people who mourn find consolation and peace in God through those around them, we pray to the Lord:
R/. Lord, Hear our Prayer

- That _____ enjoy the vision of God with those in heaven,
we pray to the Lord:
R/. Lord, Hear our Prayer

- That all family members and friends of _____ experience the strength of our faith in the resurrection of Christ, we pray to the Lord:
R/. Lord, Hear our Prayer

- That all who gather here today to remember our brother/sister _____ support one another in prayer and concern,
we pray to the Lord:
R/. Lord, Hear our Prayer

- (*additional intentions:*)

we pray to the Lord:
R/. Lord, Hear our Prayer

The priest then concludes:

O God, we affirm our faith and our hope in the resurrection of your Son. Comforted by your grace and your promise of eternal life, we offer you our prayers on this day, through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.