

# SELECTIONS PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

## (Select one set of Petitions)

### A

In Baptism, *N* received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead (*him/her*) over the waters of death. We pray to the Lord.

Our (*brother/sister N*) was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome (*him/her*) into the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray to the Lord.

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

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. We pray to the Lord.

Our family and friends seek comfort and consolation. Heal our pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray to the Lord.

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our (*brother/sister*), *N*; Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. We pray to the Lord.

### B

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.

For our (*brother/sister*), *N*... 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.

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.

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

For our families and friends, 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.

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

## **C**

For our *(brother/sister)* N, who ate the bread of life, that (he/she) may be raised up on the last day. We pray to the Lord.

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.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may know the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord.

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

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

## **D**

In Baptism N... received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lend *(him/her)* over the waters of death. We pray to the Lord.

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

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.

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. We pray to the Lord.

The family and friends of N. seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray to the Lord.

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

## **E**

That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving for *N*'s life.... We pray to the Lord.

That God will bring to completion *N*'s baptism into Christ. We pray to the Lord.

That God will lead *N*.. from death to life. We pray to the Lord.

That all of us, *N*'s family and friends, may be comforted in our grief. We pray to the Lord.

That God will grant release to those who suffer. We pray to the Lord.

That God will grant peace to all who have died in the faith of Christ. We pray to the Lord.

That one day we may all share in the banquet of the Lord, praising God for victory over death.  
We pray to the Lord.

## **F**

That the Church, it's faithful members along with our leaders, may work tirelessly with the Holy Spirit to shed the Light of Christ's resurrection upon all people. We pray to the Lord.

That our government leaders, and the leaders throughout the whole world, may continually seek to shape the world in keeping with human dignity, and to work together to build a world of true justice and peace. We pray to the Lord.

That all those who share in the Cross of Our Lord, especially the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the oppressed may be freed from their sorrows this day to reveal the victory of the Lord's resurrection. We pray to the Lord.

That the God who raised Jesus from the dead, may raise up to new life those who have died, especially *N* and all of our family members who have gone on before (*him/her*) and grant that we may share eternal glory with them. We pray to the Lord.

That our Father, who sent an angel to comfort his Son in his agony, may console those who mourn the absence of *N* in this earthly life. We pray to the Lord.

That Christ, who revealed himself to the blind man who begged for the light of his eyes, may grant sight to those who do not know him, and faith in the resurrection and the life of the world to come. We pray to the Lord.

That our Father, who has given us the Living Bread which comes down from heaven, may grant that we eat this bread worthily and be raised up to eternal life on the last day. We pray to the Lord.

## ***PRAYERS IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES***

### **G**

#### ***At the death of a child***

For N..., a child of God, that he/she be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity. We pray to the Lord.

For N's family, especially (*his/her*) mother and father, (*his/her*) (and siblings), that they feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief. We pray to the Lord.

For N's friends those who played with him/her and those who cared for him/her, that they may be consoled in their loss and strengthened in their love for one another. We pray to the Lord.

For all parents who grieve the death of a child, that they may be comforted in the knowledge that their children dwell with God. We pray to the Lord.

For children who have died of hunger and disease, that these little ones be seated close to the Lord at his heavenly table. We pray to the Lord.

For the whole Church, that we prepare worthily for the hour of our death, when God will call us by name to pass from this world to the next. We pray to the Lord.

### **H**

#### ***At the death of someone who suffered a lengthy illness***

We pray for N's family, that the Lord will fill the present emptiness in our hearts with the love and prayerful support of many friends. We pray to the Lord.

For all those people who ministered to N during *his/her* illness, that they may be blessed in abundance with God's love for them. We pray to the Lord.

For each of us with whom N so generously shared *his/her* many gifts, may we, too, grow in the ability to share our gifts and lighten the burden of others. We pray to the Lord.

For all those who loved and were loved by N, that we may find comfort in our belief in the Lord's promise of eternal life. We pray to the Lord.

For each of us here present, that God will bless us richly with the gifts we need to fully celebrate life, and to recognize the new beginning offered to us each day. We pray to the Lord.