

UNIVERSAL PRAYER #1

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

Reader: For <Name>, 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.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For <Name> who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/ she may be raised on the last day. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

For the family and friends of <Name>, 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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

Presider: God, our shelter and strength, you listen in love to the cries of your people: hear the prayers we offer for <Name> and for all our deceased brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER #2

Presider: My dear friends, let us join with one another in praying to God, not only for our departed brother/sister, but also for the Church for peace in the world and ourselves.

Reader: That the bishops and priest of the Church, and all who preach the Gospel. May be given the strength to express in action the word they proclaim. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That those in public office may promote justice and peace. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

That God may deliver the soul of his servant <Name> from punishment and from the power of darkness. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

That God in his mercy may blot out all <Name> offenses. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

That God may establish <Name> in light and peace. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

That God may call <Name> to happiness in the company of all the saints. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

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That God may give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful departed. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

Presider: O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your departed servants release from all their sins. Hear our prayers for those we love and give them the pardon they have always desired. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER #3

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

Reader: In baptism <Name> 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 <Name> was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**

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.**

The family and friend of <Name> seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**

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.**

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister <Name>. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**

Presider: Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the 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 in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.