

General Intercessions for a Funeral Liturgy

From *Through Death to Life* by Joseph M. Champlin

H1

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:**

Assisting minister:

**In baptism N. 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.

Assisting minister:

**Our brother/sister N. 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.

The priest then concludes:

**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 though Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

H2

The Priest begins:

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

Assisting minister:

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.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Assisting minister:

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.

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

The priest then concludes:

**God, our shelter and our strength,
you listen in love to the cry of your people:
hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters.
Cleanse them of their sins
and grant them the fullness of redemption.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.**

H3

The Priest begins:

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 for ourselves.

Assisting minister:

That the bishops and priests of the Church, and all who preach the Gospel, may be given the strength to express in action the word they proclaim.

We pray the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That those in public office may promote justice and peace.

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

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

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may deliver the soul of his servant N. from

punishment and from the powers of darkness.

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That God in his mercy may blot out all his/her offenses.

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may establish him/her in light and peace.

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

That God may call him/her to happiness in the company of all the saints.

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life.

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful departed.

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

The priest then concludes:

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.

R. Amen.

H4

The priest begins:

**Let us turn to Christ Jesus with confidence and faith in the
power of his cross and resurrection:**

Assisting minister:

Risen Lord, pattern of our life for ever:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Promise and image of what we shall be:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Son of God who came to destroy sin and death:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Word of God who delivered us from the fear of death:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Crucified Lord, forsaken in death, raised in glory:

Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord Jesus, gentle Shepherd who brings rest to our souls, give
peace to N. for ever:**

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord Jesus, you bless those who mourn and are in pain. Bless
N's family and friends who gather around him/her today:**

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.