

Sample Petitions for Funeral Masses

You are welcome to use these, add others, or write your own. Please choose at least one from each section.

For the Church, the World, and its Leaders:

1. That civil and government leaders throughout the world work for lasting peace and justice for all people, let us pray to the Lord.
2. That the leaders of our Church and country be open to the Spirit to guide their people both for this life and the life to come, we pray to the Lord.
3. That all people who mourn find consolation and peace in God through those around them, let us pray to the Lord.
4. That the firm hope of resurrection fill the heart of every member of the Church, let us pray to the Lord.

For the one who has died:

5. That _____ and all who have died today enjoy the vision of God with those in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
6. 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.
7. That all family members and friends of _____ experience the strength of our faith in the resurrection of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
8. As each of us feels richer because of how _____'s life has touched us, so may we be encouraged to use the life and gifts God has given us to reach out to others in need, we pray to the Lord.
9. That all who gather here today to remember our brother/sister _____ support one another in prayer and concern, let us pray to the Lord.
10. The family and friends of _____ seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief, let us pray to the Lord.

For family and friends who have died:

12. That our deceased relatives and friends and all who have helped us may be rewarded for their goodness, we pray to the Lord.
13. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us marked with the sign of their faith. Grant them all an everlasting home with your Son, we pray to the Lord.
14. For all who have died, that they may follow Jesus into the kingdom of light and peace, we pray to the Lord.
15. That God may give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful departed, we pray to the Lord.

For the community:

16. That all assembled here to worship in faith be gathered together in God's kingdom, we pray to the Lord.
17. That we who gather here today stay ready to comfort all who suffer grief and loss, we pray to the Lord. For all who have died, that they may follow Jesus into the kingdom of light and peace, we pray to the Lord.
18. That we who gather here today stay ready to comfort all who suffer grief and loss, we pray to the Lord.
19. That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God, we pray to the Lord.
20. That the memories of loved ones who have died lighten the sorrow of their passing, we pray to the Lord.