

A Template for the Prayers of Intercession

This template assists in the crafting of comprehensive intercessions.

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

We pray, holy God, for the church universal—

for the unity of the church

for _____ *the national and regional church* _____ ,

for _____ *a church community in the news* _____ ,

for _____ *our local parish leaders by name or title* _____ ,

for . . . _____ ,

O God, our Sanctuary, empower the church, and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray, omnipotent God, for the well-being of creation—

for the will and wisdom to care for the earth

for _____ *lands facing climate change* _____ ,

for _____ *local waters* _____ ,

for _____ *a species of endangered animals* _____ ,

for . . . _____ ,

O God, Rainbow of promise, preserve the earth, and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray, righteous God, for peace and justice in the world—

for efforts toward international cooperation

for peace in _____ *countries in conflict or at war* _____ ,

for an increase of justice _____ *in a nation or a current situation* _____ ,

for _____ *our elected officials by name or title* _____ ,

for . . . _____ ,

O God, Sovereign and Judge, guide the nations, and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray, benevolent God, for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely—

for the hungry and the homeless

for persons without family or friends

for _____ *a group of the distressed in the news* _____ ,

for _____ *those afflicted with some disease or debility* _____ ,

for . . . _____ ,

O God, Shepherd and Mother, protect the needy, and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray, compassionate God, for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit—
 for those in hospitals and other institutions of care
 for those who have no medical care
 for those who are incarcerated
 for _____ *names of the sick* _____ ,
 for . . . _____ ,
 for all who today will die—
 O God, Healer and Nurse, heal the sick, and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray, faithful God, for our congregation—
 for deeper faith and stronger commitment for us all
 for our homebound members
 for _____ *an outreach program* _____ ,
 for _____ *an internal matter* _____ ,
 for . . . _____ ,
 O God, Everlasting Arms, embrace this assembly, and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray, loving God, for the desires of our hearts—
(keep five seconds of silence—)
 O God, our Heart's Desire, grant us peace, and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our thanksgiving, eternal God, for all who have died in the faith—
 for _____ *the faithful departed on the commemorations list who died near this date* _____ ,
 for _____ *any renowned Christian who died this past week* _____ ,
 for _____ *congregation members who died this past week* _____ .
 That at the end we will join with them to rejoice in your presence,
 O God, our Homeland, gather us to yourself, and in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
 trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.