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Universal Prayers (Prayers of the Faithful)



General Intercessions
Or
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The norms governing “The Universal Prayer” are given in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, nos. 69–71. Formulas helpful to the composition of these intercessions are offered in the following pages; the samples proposed depend heavily upon the Mass formularies for the respective Sundays and feasts. A more general series of intercessory petitions would be as follows:

Introductory Invitation:

We have opened our hearts and minds to the wisdom of God in the Liturgy of the Word. Now let us turn to him humbly and sincerely with these common petitions:

For our Holy Father the Pope, for our (Arch)Bishop N., and all the pastors and priests of this (arch)diocese: that they be blessed with the zeal and courage to proclaim the values and the obligations of our holy religion, we pray to the Lord—

For our civil leaders and representatives on the national and local levels: that their laws and their lives be an inspiration to all citizens by reflecting right reason and divine revelation, we pray to the Lord—

For our youth in particular: that they be given the encouragement and the guidance to resist the immoral and sinful presence of current pagan culture, we pray to the Lord—

For the sick, the needy, the aged, and the lonely: that they be consoled spiritually by the gifts of grace and also receive care, aid, and loving concern from relatives, friends, and neighbors, we pray to the Lord—

For those who have died recently: that they may speedily attain the blessedness of heaven, we pray to the Lord—

For the personal intentions of each one here present . . . , we pray to the Lord—

Concluding Prayer

God of mercy and compassion, bless us by granting these common petitions, for we plead to you in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

FEBRUARY—*For children with incurable diseases*

—Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

MARCH—*For disarmament and peace*

—Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

APRIL—*For priests in crisis*

—Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Formed by the vision of holiness as the measure of true happiness, we bring our needs to the Lord, who is the true source of both holiness and happiness.

For the church. May this communion of disciples be a source of support to all the faithful as they answer the universal call to holiness in the way they live their lives. We pray to the Lord—

For the leaders of our nation and world. May they embody meekness, embrace poverty of spirit, and become peacemakers for a world in need. We pray to the Lord—

For those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. May they be inspired to persevere in their work on behalf of justice even when success seems hard to achieve. We pray to the Lord—

For the members of this community of faith. May they truly be called “children of God” and “[b]lessed” for their dedication to living lives of holiness. We pray to the Lord—

For all those who have died. May they find rest in the true happiness of being in God’s presence, and may their examples of quiet holiness serve as a model for us as we remember them now. We pray to the Lord—

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God, as you are author of happiness and holiness, hear the prayers of your people striving to follow your path to both, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Motivated by the call to be light for the world, we bring our prayers to you, O Lord, the one who continues to show us the way to shine brightly for others.

For the church. May this sacrament of your presence on earth continue to be a “city set on a mountain,” inspiring all to act with justice and love in the world. We pray to the Lord—

For all world leaders. May they see their positions of power as opportunities to remove all oppression from their midst so that your light may rise in the darkness for all. We pray to the Lord—

For those who are hungry, homeless, naked, or in any way afflicted. May we see their needs and respond to them as you have asked us to do. We pray to the Lord—

For the members of this faith community. May we always have the courage to do the good deeds that will keep our lights burning as beacons that will lead others to you. We pray to the Lord—

For those who have died. May they be at peace in the light of your glory, and may we cherish the memories of their good deeds as a source of salt and light in our lives. We pray to the Lord—

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O God, you invite us to care for one another so that we can be a light in the darkness. We ask you to show the same care to us now as we share our needs with you in Jesus’ name. Amen.

February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Dear Lord, confident that you are the author of freedom whose guidance helps us use our free will for good, we turn to you now with our prayers to address our needs and the needs of our community.

For the church. May all who minister in Jesus' name heed the call to preach the fullness of the law as a tool of freedom rather than a source of admonishment, and may they support your people in their efforts to do what is right and good. We pray to the Lord—

For all leaders. May they work to craft laws that reflect not the “wisdom of this age” but “God’s wisdom,” thereby helping all members of the community use their freedom to choose what is good. We pray to the Lord—

For anyone we have wronged. May we approach them with humility and seek their forgiveness so that we can offer our gift at this altar in the freedom of reconciliation. We pray to the Lord—

For the members of this community of faith. May we always choose to keep your commandments and embrace the freedom that comes with knowing the fulfillment of the law in our hearts. We pray to the Lord—

For all who have died. May they be blameless in your sight and found worthy to enjoy “what God has prepared for those who love him.” We pray to the Lord—

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O God, you show us the way to move from a simplistic observance of the letter of the law to a more complete embodiment of its spirit. Hear us now as we bring our petitions to you in Jesus' name. Amen.

February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

O Lord, remembering the ways we all stand in need of your grace, we come before you to lift up our prayers together as your people.

For the church, that this season of Lent may be embraced as an opportunity for a collective renewal that allows us all to grow closer to you, we pray to the Lord—

For world leaders, that they may be inspired by the Lenten witness of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to put the needs of the poorest and most marginalized at the center of their public policy initiatives, we pray to the Lord—

For all those in need of alms, that the Christian community may be gracious in generosity during this Lenten season, using the ritual practices to which you call us to respond to those in need, we pray to the Lord—

For this faith community, that we may recognize our shared call to conversion and be a full source of support for one another throughout this Lenten journey, we pray to the Lord—

For those who have died, that they may now be reconciled with you and be ready to celebrate “the day of salvation” you have promised, we pray to the Lord—

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Lord our God, Scripture repeatedly testifies to the many ways you have been “stirred to concern” for your people. Hear the prayers we offer today in the same spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Lord our God, inspired by the Lenten call to repent and restore our relationship with you, we bring before you the needs of our community and ask for your mercy.

For the church. May your people be united by the common call to repentance during this Lenten season and thus work faithfully together to reverse the effects of sin. We pray to the Lord—

For all leaders. May they stand like Jesus on the mountain and reject the temptation to seek power for its own sake, instead using their authority to do what is good and pleasing in your sight. We pray to the Lord—

For those whose lives have been most upended by the war, violence, disaster, and disease that have come to define the fallenness of our world. May you help us see how we can counteract their suffering as part of our repentance this Lent. We pray to the Lord—

For this community of faith. May our recognition of the impact of sin and our awareness of the deceit in temptation bring us back to “the joy of your salvation” and sustain a “willing spirit” within us. We pray to the Lord—

For those who have died. May they now enjoy the “abundance of grace and of the gift of justification” promised through the obedience of Christ. We pray to the Lord—

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O God, we thank you for the invitation to repentance and reconciliation you have extended to us this Lent. Hear the prayers we bring before you in this spirit of gratitude today, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

We come together to our ever-loving Father with the needs we see around us. We come knowing our responsibility and his love for all of us.

Make strong Pope N., the bishops, and all your church to show in our lives our desire to be like you. We pray—

Enlighten our leaders to recognize the needs of all our citizens. We pray—

Inspire your church to be aware of the needs and gifts of children and adolescents. We pray—

Help us to imitate your self-giving and love with those in need. We pray—

Welcome our friends and fellow parishioners who have died recently. We pray—

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Loving Father, you who transfigured your beloved Son, you who are our Teacher and the revealer of a new life of loving and self-giving, be with us in our needs, and help us to be transfigured as we live the mission that your Son has given to us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

We come to our ever-generous Father, who gifts us with love through his Son poured into our hearts. In faith, we pray.

For members of the church to be open to each other in concern for all—

For political leaders throughout the world to work with concern for all countries, especially those most in need—

For all who are suffering from anxiety and lack of hope—

For our community to continue to grow in thirst for God's love—

For those grieving the death of loved ones—

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Father, we thirst for your love. Hear and help us, and give us the courage to recognize that thirst for you and know that you do hear us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Called to walk in the light of Christ, we approach our loving Father with our needs.

May your grace and blessing fall upon Pope N., the bishops, and all the faithful. We pray—

Help us to see your goodness in each other and grow in our goodness. We pray—

Help us to be more aware and helpful in regard to the needs of older adults, young people, and the most vulnerable in our families and communities. We pray—

Give peace to those who are sick, anxious, fearful, and dying. We pray—

Lead our faithful departed to share in your glorious light and life. We pray—

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Loving Father, with your overflowing concern and love for all of us, hear our prayers, both those spoken and those in our hearts. Help us to walk in the light of your beloved Son. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

We come to you, Father, with our prayers and trust in you,
knowing you hear us with love.

Inspire Pope N. and the bishops to proclaim your saving power to
our hearts and to the ends of the earth. We pray—

Convince world leaders to work for peace for all the world.
We pray—

Broaden our understanding of our connection with nature and
climate change. We pray—

Help with healing for all who are suffering from relationship
problems, especially relationship problems within their families.
We pray—

Welcome our beloved dead and those who have no one to mourn
and pray for them. We pray—

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Loving Father, you sent your beloved Son to raise us to light,
life, love, and trust in you. Hear our prayers and increase our
trust in you and in our beloved Brother. We ask this in Jesus'
name. Amen.

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

God of life and love, forever faithful to your covenant with us,
hear our prayers.

Inspire Pope N. and our bishops to lead us with love and trust.
We pray—

Help world leaders to lead with care and concern for all people.
We pray—

Heal all who are bullied, ridiculed, and forsaken. We pray—

Help us all to live with love and gratefulness. We pray—

Raise to your new life all who have died. We pray—

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Gracious God, always offering us your amazing love, especially
through your beloved Son, hear our prayers that we ask in
Jesus' name. Amen.

April 2, 2026

Holy Thursday (Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

On this Holy Thursday, when Jesus invites us into unity around the table of the Lord and calls us to service on behalf of all our brothers and sisters, let us bring forth our prayers for those who are in need of our care. As it was in the first Passover and still is today, God is ever faithful and will always hear our prayers.

For our holy church, and for clergy who reaffirm their commitment to serve the church in holiness and selfless giving on this special day, let us pray to the Lord—

For our civic leaders who are charged with preserving peace in the world and protecting the dignity and safety of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord—

For those who go hungry this night and fear for their safety, for immigrants and refugees, for the lonely and forgotten, for those who have lost hope, let us pray to the Lord—

For our local parish community, that we might take seriously the call to wash one another's feet, humbly serve those who need our help, and be a welcoming presence for anyone who wishes to be part of our community of faith, let us pray to the Lord—

For our beloved deceased who are no longer with us to celebrate these holy days, let us pray to the Lord—

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Loving God, you are faithful and true in all your ways.
Hear the prayers of your holy church gathered here tonight.
Ready our hearts to receive your blessings in humble gratitude.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

April 4, 2026

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Holy Saturday)

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

We are so incredibly blessed, knowing that all of us as the people of God, and all of God's creatures, have been included in God's plan of salvation from the beginning of time. Let us now make known our prayer to the Father for this community and for all people in God's care. God is faithful, and he will not abandon us.

For the Catholic Church and all Christian communities, that we might carry the Good News of salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to all whom we meet during this Easter season. Let us pray to the Lord—

For soldiers, police officers, and safety persons who are called upon to enforce laws that protect the vulnerable and who give of themselves to save those who are in danger. Let us pray to the Lord—

For people who are without hope and find themselves in despair during this Easter season. May they experience the light of the resurrected Christ through our encounters with them. Let us pray to the Lord—

For our Jewish brothers and sisters who passed on to us the foundations of our faith and our moral values of caring for widows and orphans, people living below the poverty line, and refugees in the land. Let us pray to the Lord—

For our beloved dead. May they know the joy of resurrection in Christ Jesus. Let us pray to the Lord—

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God of life, as we celebrate this Easter Vigil, we know we can rely on your everlasting faithfulness to your covenant people because of the long story of salvation that has been preserved for us in Sacred Scripture. We also know your faithfulness through your willingness to give over your only Son, who conquered death and now reigns with you in glory. Therefore, in full confidence, we ask you to hear our prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

My dear friends, today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and his triumph over sin and death once and for all. For this great gift, we offer praise and thanks to God, who sustains us and gives us life. Therefore, with full confidence, let us approach our loving Father and ask for our needs on this day.

For all people of faith, and for those of no faith. May we, as Christians, be light for the nations and a source of joy and hope in the God who created us and sustains us. Let us pray to the Lord—

For leaders of nations, especially for those who struggle to lead where war and strife are central concerns, and for leaders who fail to fight for the rights of all individuals who live under their care. Let us pray to the Lord—

For those who are suffering on this Easter Day, whether from illness or loneliness, family dysfunction or poverty. May they experience kindness from a neighbor or friend this day. Let us pray to the Lord—

For each of us. May we listen earnestly for the risen Jesus to call our name, and may we recognize him in our daily deeds of service for others. Let us pray to the Lord—

For those of our loved ones who have died this year. May they experience heavenly peace in the presence of the risen Christ, and may we be comforted by the knowledge that they are enjoying the glory of God. Let us pray to the Lord—

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Loving God, Creator of life and the giver of light to the nations, we ask that you hear our prayers this day, even though we know that you hear us always and want only what is good for us. Grant us eyes to see and ears to hear your Son calling us to new life in you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we know that we can approach our loving Father with confidence, that he cares for our welfare, and that he has mercy on us when we fail. Therefore, let us make our petitions known to God in the name of Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

For the pastors and leaders of our church. May they courageously speak the truth of the Gospel and the mercy of God to all who will listen. Let us pray to the Lord—

For our civil leaders. May they be inspired to act with justice and mercy as they navigate their work in positions of power. Let us pray to the Lord—

For those in need of mercy today, either because of their wrongdoings or because they have been treated unfairly by others. May they know compassion and forgiveness. Let us pray to the Lord—

For each of us. May we grow to be resurrection people, filled with joy for the gifts God has given us and eager to carry out the mission given to the apostles in our daily lives. Let us pray to the Lord—

For our deceased loved ones, and for those who suffer and die for the sake of justice and mercy toward any of God's people. Let us pray to the Lord—

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Loving and merciful God, we ask you to hear these prayers of ours, those spoken and those quietly hidden in our hearts. You call us to be a resurrection church, a community committed to new life, to peace, and to love for the sinner. But we need your guidance and support to discern your will and act upon it. We pray through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

With faith and hope in our loving God, we bring our prayers to this God who is our refuge and strength.

For the church as we seek new ways to proclaim the way of Jesus as hope for the world, we pray—

For political and civil leaders as they wrestle with their responsibilities and listen to the needs of their people, we pray—

For those who are oppressed and for those who raise their voices to speak words of justice and peace, we pray—

For members of the community who long for refuge, gladness, and hearts free from disturbance and despair, we pray—

For those who have died in the peace of Christ, through whom death has no sway and new life has poured forth, we pray—

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God of life and goodness, hear the prayers we offer and stir our hearts, that we might be vessels of your hope, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

As one flock and one people, let us pray for one another and for our world.

For the church, for those who have entered into the life of the baptized at the Easter Vigil, and for the entire household of God as we continue to grow as Christian disciples, we pray—

For leaders of nations, for those entrusted with authority, and for those who lift their voices on behalf of communities in need, we pray—

For all who are wounded, for those who are hungry, for the vulnerable among us, we pray—

For those whose employment puts them at risk, for those who are unemployed or underemployed, for all who serve in social service agencies, we pray—

For this community of faith, for children and families preparing for the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation, for couples preparing for marriage, we pray—

For those who have died, for families in grief, for those in our parish serving in pastoral care ministries, we pray—

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Good and gracious God, hear the prayers of your people and strengthen us in our journey together through this life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For a Wedding

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Confident in God's love, let us lift our prayers for this couple, for one another, and for our world.

For (names of the bride and groom), and for all married couples. May they be witnesses to God's love in how they care for one another and live the mission of the church. We pray—

For those who lead us in government, those who protect us through military service, and all who live lives of care. May they be strengthened with wisdom and protection in all that they do. We pray—

For those experiencing poverty, those who hunger, and those who are vulnerable. May they be strengthened in their suffering and supported in their journeys. We pray—

For the families and friends of (names of the bride and groom). May this celebration be a renewed experience of God's presence in human joy. We pray—

For our grandparents, parents, and all family members and friends who have died. May they hear the loving voice of God, who bids them to arise into eternal life. We pray—

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God of love, as you have shown your passionate care throughout all time, hear the prayers we offer today, and in this celebration renew in us the faith, hope, and love that spring from you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For a Funeral

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

As a people who mourn, and a people who trust, let us lift our prayers to our loving God.

For (name of the deceased), who journeyed through this life; for eternal rest and glory. We pray—

For those who serve us and protect us; for safety and wisdom. We pray—

For those who are vulnerable in our world and consumed with longing; for a spirit of compassion in our world. We pray—

For this community of God's beloved; for a growth of the Spirit in our hearts. We pray—

For the entire communion of saints who have gone before us in faith; for our friends and family whom we continue to grieve. We pray—

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Ever-faithful God, hear our prayers and strengthen our hearts until we are joined with (name of the deceased) and all who have died at the eternal banquet, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

As Mary listened to the Word of God and opened her heart to God, let us bring our needs to God with humility like Mary's.

That the Holy Father and all leaders of the Church will lead the people of God with wisdom, we pray to the Lord—

That the leaders of nations will protect all human life with the integrity of a loving parent, we pray to the Lord—

That our local community will care for all the needy of our area with the generosity of Mary who visited Elizabeth, we pray to the Lord—

That parents and guardians be patient and selfless like Mary as they care for those in their charge, we pray to the Lord—

That our prayers for vocations nurture and foster a generous response in young people, we pray to the Lord—

That those who have died, especially _____ and _____, may share in Mary's hymn of endless praise, we pray to the Lord—

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Almighty God, may the example of Mary, the mother of your Son, inspire us to live lives worthy of your promise. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

For First Fridays

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

We know the great love God has for us because of the great love the Son of God holds for us in his heart. Let us pray for all our needs.

For Pope N. and all the leaders of the Church, may they make present the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord—

For all who lead the nations of the world, may they cherish those they serve as Christ cherished those to whom he ministered, let us pray to the Lord—

For those of our community who need to know the love of Christ, may we make that love active in their lives, let us pray to the Lord—

For any who feel overburdened, may the gentle and humble heart of Christ comfort them in their pain, let us pray to the Lord—

For all people to remember at all times the great love of Christ's heart for all human life, let us pray to the Lord—

For those who have died, especially _____ and _____, may their souls find rest in the loving arms of our Savior, let us pray to the Lord—

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Ever faithful God, in the heart of your Son you reveal your compassion and grace. In your great mercy hear our prayer and help us as we reach out to others with hearts filled with love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—1

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Let us intercede with our merciful God for the renewal of the Church and salvation of the world:

For the Church, its mission to proclaim Jesus as Lord and its leaders, may a deeper appreciation of God's presence in the Incarnation lead us all to greater holiness, we pray to the Lord—

For the leaders of nations, may a growing awareness of the dignity of all people lead to peace and justice for all, we pray to the Lord—

For this community of faith, called to renew our baptismal commitment, may grace strengthen our faith and witness to Jesus, we pray to the Lord—

For all people to safeguard the dignity of all human life from the moment of conception to natural death, we pray to the Lord—

For the healing of divisions which separate peoples, may the message of Christ bring unity, peace, and justice, we pray to the Lord—

For all who have died, especially _____ and _____, may they join the communion of saints praising God for ever, we pray to the Lord—

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Loving God, hear our prayers and the prayers of your Church. Increase our faith. Help us serve the poor. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—2

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

We know and experience the love of God in our lives. Let us bring our needs and the needs of all people to our loving God.

For all the leaders of the Church and its ministers of the Gospel, may they steadfastly build up the Body of Christ through their faith and love, let us pray to the Lord—

For those who lead the nations of the earth, may they always be responsive to the needs of people and not limit their assistance to those of particular views, let us pray to the Lord—

For our local community, may we reach out to all in need with the loving response of Jesus, may we be his hands today, let us pray to the Lord—

For those who do not have employment, may they be able to maintain their human dignity and obtain the work they are seeking and need, let us pray to the Lord—

For all people to remember the God given gift of human life and always respect all life, let us pray to the Lord—

For those who have died, _____ and _____, from our community, may they see the Lord face to face, let us pray to the Lord—

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God who is always faithful hear our prayer and help us as we reach out to others with hearts filled with love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—3

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

The Lord is our hope and our peace; let us turn to God with our needs:

For the Church, that we keep faith with one another in our life together as a community of faith, let us pray to the Lord—

For pastors, ministers, and religious educators to proclaim, through their humility and selflessness, the Gospel which comes only from the Lord, let us pray to the Lord—

For an increase of vocations, through their response to the Gospel young people fulfill the hopes of the elderly, let us pray to the Lord—

For all people to realize that human life from conception to natural death is a God-given right, let us pray to the Lord—

For separated families, that they be brought together in love and peace, let us pray to the Lord—

For those who have died, may they follow Jesus into the kingdom of light and peace, especially _____ and _____, let us pray to the Lord—

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All powerful God, in faith and love, in imitation of Jesus Christ your Son, we offer you praise and acknowledge our need. Hear our prayers in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Lent—1

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

With confidence in God’s love for us, we offer our petitions:

That all who lead the Church will help us deepen our love and respect for all that God has created, we pray to the Lord—

That all leaders of nations will work effectively to drive our racism and all forms of discrimination, we pray to the Lord—

That, like Jesus, we will follow where the Spirit leads us, we pray to the Lord—

That we will be moved to generously support those who are less blessed than we with material goods, we pray to the Lord—

That our community will use this Lenten time for fruitful spiritual renewal, we pray to the Lord—

That all who have died will be welcomed to everlasting life, especially _____ and _____, we pray to the Lord—

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God our Father, may we who follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit during this season of Lent be renewed. May your covenant transform our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Lent—2

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

God you correct but do not abandon your people. Listen to our prayers and answer them.

That Pope N. and all who minister to the people of God will be true and effective heralds of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord—

That the leaders of nations will be people of lasting peace and justice for all, let us pray to the Lord—

That our local community may always show compassion for the less fortunate in our midst, let us pray to the Lord—

That all people will respect life from conception to natural death at all times, let us pray to the Lord—

That our faith be strengthened to see through the deceptions of secular culture, let us pray to the Lord—

That all who have died will know the mercy of God, especially _____ and _____, let us pray to the Lord—

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God, without you at our side we cannot even take one step out of the darkness that overwhelms us. May we follow the light of the Holy Spirit and walk with Jesus who is our way, truth, and light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Lent—3

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

As we take up our cross and follow in the footsteps of Jesus, we bring our needs and the needs of all people to our loving God:

For our Holy Father, our (Arch)bishop and all who labor to build up the Body of Christ, strengthen them as they carry the cross of leadership, we pray to the Lord—

For national, state, and local leaders, inspire them to carry their cross of public service with boldness and understanding, we pray to the Lord—

For our community, help us carry the cross of our care for others as Jesus did, we pray to the Lord—

For the victims of racial and religious persecution, violence and war, turn their suffering into sources of rescue and relief, we pray to the Lord—

For all who carry heavy burdens of illness, aging, and any type of neglect or abuse, give them the help they need to carry their crosses, we pray to the Lord—

For those who have died, especially _____ and _____, may they enter into eternal life crowned with glory, we pray to the Lord—

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Lord, you are the strength of all who hope in you. Listen favorably to our prayers and may your grace assist us in observing your commandments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Lent—4

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

The Lord is kind and merciful, let us bring our needs and the needs of all people to our loving God:

For all the leaders of the Church, may they devote themselves unreservedly and successfully to the renewal of the Church, let us pray to the Lord—

For civil authorities throughout the world, may they work for justice and peace, considering the needs of all people, let us pray to the Lord—

For all who suffer, especially the needy and the elderly, may they find peace and joy in God through the material help of friends and neighbors, let us pray to the Lord—

For each of us, may we take advantage of the grace of reconciliation during this Lenten season, let us pray to the Lord—

For a greater respect for life, from conception to natural death to honor God our creator, let us pray to the Lord—

For the faithful departed, may all who believed in the mercy of God now experience that mercy forever, especially _____ and _____, let us pray to the Lord—

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Lord our strength and hope, listen to our prayers and give us your grace to assist us in our journey to eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Easter—1

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Let us bring our prayers to the Father through Christ, our life and our resurrection.

That all leaders of the Church, like the apostle Thomas, may assist the faithful to acclaim Jesus as our Lord and our God, we pray to the Lord—

That the Church be renewed in the joy of her Lord's resurrection, we pray to the Lord—

That all the nations of the world may have life in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray to the Lord—

That all who were baptized into Christ at Easter may rejoice in peace from on high and in the salvation of the souls, we pray to the Lord—

That all life be respected and nurtured as the God given gift it is, we pray to the Lord—

That those who have died, especially _____ and _____, may live with their Risen Savior for ever, we pray to the Lord—

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Father of glory, you raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. Bring us to new life in Christ, so that we may join those who now see him in his risen glory, and share the blessedness of his kingdom, both now and for ever. Amen.

For Weekdays in Easter—2

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

God desires eternal life for all people and sent Jesus his Son to redeem us. May God hear our prayers today and always.

For holy Church, witness to the risen Christ, our victory over sin and death, let us pray to the Lord—

For peace in the world, the peace that comes only from the Lord and radiates from the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord—

For those who travel, that they have a safe journey, let us pray to the Lord—

For all people to realize that human life from conception to natural death is a God-given right, let us pray to the Lord—

For all the members of this community that our faith, hope, and love be strengthened by the Risen Lord, let us pray to the Lord—

For those who have died, especially _____ and _____, may they be gathered into the arms of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord—

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God of everlasting peace, be with us always and transform us into peacemakers and thereby deserve to be called your children. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.