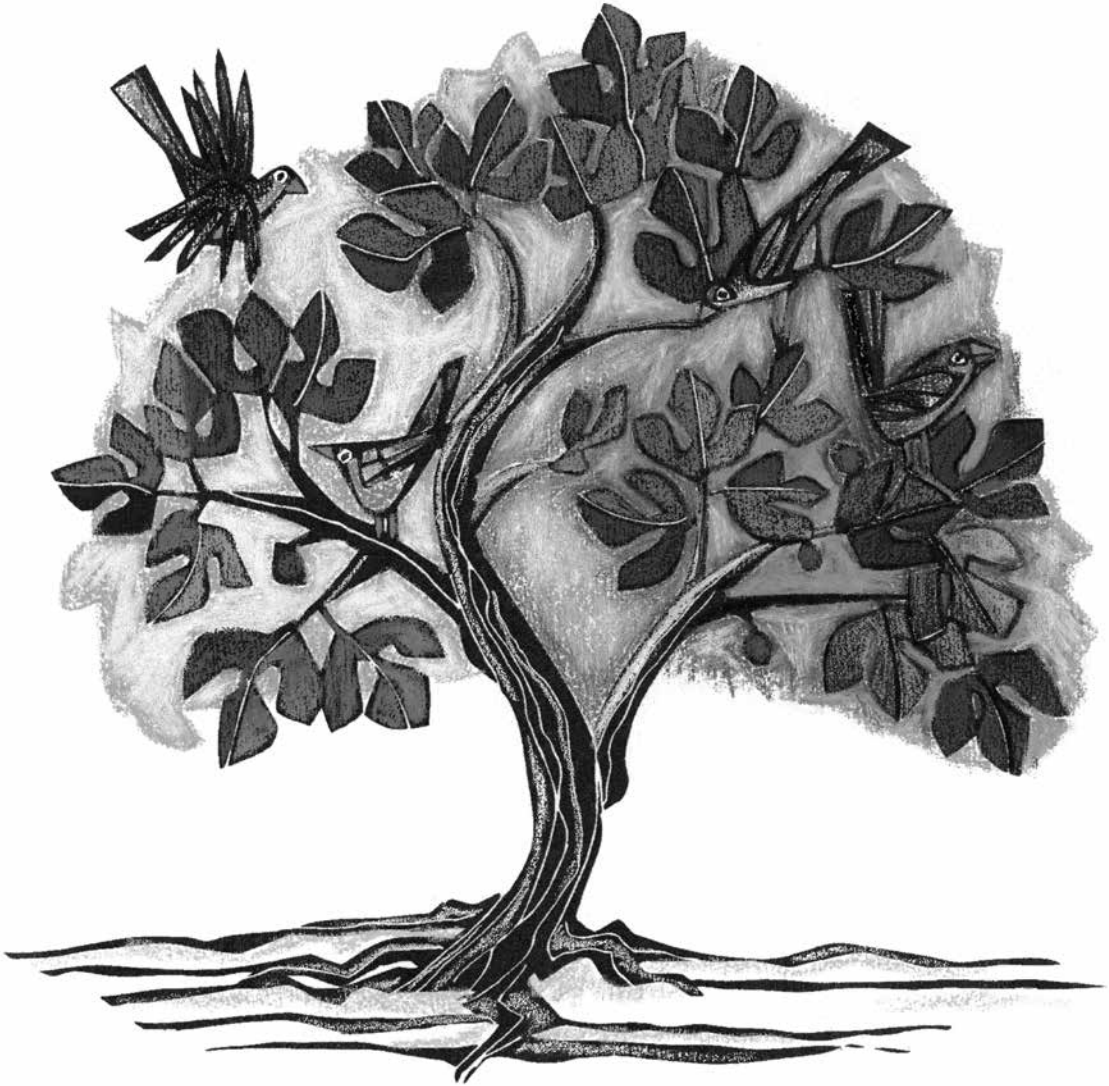


MAY 3, 2026 — JULY 26, 2026

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

MAY—*That everyone might have food*

—Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

JUNE—*For the values of sports*

—Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

JULY—*For respect for human life*

—Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Sisters and brothers, confident in God's mercy and with hearts open to the Spirit's prompting, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

For the church: May she be courageous in listening to the cries of those who suffer. We pray to the Lord—

For civil leaders and those in positions of power: May they seek justice and serve with wisdom, especially for those whose voices have been marginalized. We pray to the Lord—

For those in need, especially the overlooked, the burdened, and the voiceless: May they find dignity, comfort, and healing. We pray to the Lord—

For our parish community: May we grow in our capacity to listen deeply, act justly, and love boldly as Christ has called us. We pray to the Lord—

For those who have died: May they be welcomed into the eternal joy of God's presence. We pray to the Lord—

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Loving God, you call us to be a people of greater works. Hear these prayers we offer, and shape us into a community led by love and inspired by the Spirit. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Knowing that Christ has promised not to leave us orphaned,
let us lift up our prayers to God, who is always with us.

For the universal church: May we be a community of joy that
draws others to the love of Christ. We pray to the Lord—

For leaders of nations: May they work for peace across divisions
and promote the dignity of all people. We pray to the Lord—

For those who feel excluded from the church or from society:
May they encounter joy and welcome in communities of faith.
We pray to the Lord—

For our parish family: May our ministries and gatherings overflow
with authentic joy rooted in the resurrection. We pray to the
Lord—

For our beloved dead: May they rejoice forever in the risen life of
Christ. We pray to the Lord—

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Gracious God, you fill your people with the joy of the Gospel.
Hear our prayers and grant us the grace to share that joy with a
world in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

May 14 or 17, 2026

The Ascension of the Lord

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Brothers and sisters, trusting in the power of the risen and ascended Christ, let us place our needs before our loving Father.

For the church: May she boldly proclaim the Gospel to all nations, in word and in witness. We pray to the Lord—

For world leaders: May they be guided by justice and serve with a sense of responsibility toward the global community. We pray to the Lord—

For those who feel directionless: May they be consoled by the promise of Christ's abiding presence. We pray to the Lord—

For this community of faith: May we receive the Eucharist as a commission and carry Christ into the world with faith and purpose. We pray to the Lord—

For the faithful departed: May they be lifted into the fullness of life with the risen and ascended Lord. We pray to the Lord—

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God of glory, your Son now reigns with you in heaven. Hear our prayers and strengthen us to be witnesses to your love in all we do. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Gathered in this sacred stillness, and confident in the prayer of Christ himself, let us lift up our hearts in petition.

For the church: May she find strength in prayer and unity in the Spirit as she awaits renewal at Pentecost. We pray to the Lord—

For all in positions of public trust: May they govern with humility and serve with compassion, especially in places of conflict. We pray to the Lord—

For those in a season of waiting: May they find peace in God's timing and hope in his promises. We pray to the Lord—

For this community of faith: May we embrace both action and contemplation in our Christian witness. We pray to the Lord—

For our deceased loved ones: May they rest in the presence of the God who is merciful and faithful. We pray to the Lord—

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Faithful God, as we await the outpouring of your Spirit, hear our prayers and prepare our hearts to receive your grace. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

May 24, 2026

Pentecost

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

On this day of Pentecost, as the Spirit is poured out upon the church, let us unite our voices in prayer for the needs of the world.

For the church in every land: May she be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak the Gospel in ways that all can understand. We pray to the Lord—

For world leaders: May they seek unity over division and build societies marked by peace and justice. We pray to the Lord—

For those who feel voiceless or unseen: May the Spirit raise up advocates to speak on their behalf and help them feel known and loved. We pray to the Lord—

For our parish: May we learn to speak the languages of others' hearts—through compassion, listening, and service. We pray to the Lord—

For the dead: May they be drawn into the eternal communion of the Father, Son, and Spirit. We pray to the Lord—

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God of the nations, you breathe new life into the world through your Spirit. Hear our prayers and set our hearts ablaze with love for you and one another. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

May 31, 2026

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

In the light of the Most Holy Trinity, whose name is mercy and whose being is love, let us bring our needs before the God who hears.

For the church: May she reflect the communion of the Trinity in her witness to mercy, justice, and peace. We pray to the Lord—

For leaders in government and society: May their actions be rooted in patience, kindness, and faithfulness. We pray to the Lord—

For those who struggle to see God's goodness due to grief or suffering: May they be surrounded by the comfort of a faithful community. We pray to the Lord—

For each of us here: May we reflect on our own stubbornness and allow faith to free us into compassion, humility, and joy. We pray to the Lord—

For those who have died: May they rejoice in the eternal communion of Father, Son, and Spirit. We pray to the Lord—

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Holy God, Source of all love and unity, hear these prayers we bring before you. Through belief in your triune mystery, grant us healing, peace, and the grace to live as your people. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

June 7, 2026

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Let us now turn to our loving God and offer our prayers,
our hungers, and our needs to the Father's eternal mercy.

For (name), our pope, and (name), our bishop. May all who lead us
in faith find hope in the Eucharist of Christ and the fidelity of God
in service to all people. We pray to the Lord—

For leaders of nations. May we work diligently for justice and
benefit from Christ's peace in the Eucharist. We pray to the Lord—

For all who hunger for belonging in our world. May our gifts and
talents form a courageous church that welcomes all peoples, saints
and sinners alike. We pray to the Lord—

For all who live in hardship and despair. May the hunger pangs of
anguish be filled with hope and safety. May Christ feed every
hunger upon the earth. We pray to the Lord—

For all who starve for food, meaning, and emotional freedom.
May our lives be filled up in the Real Presence of Christ so that we
may bring hope and peace to every nation, household, and heart.
We pray to the Lord—

For all who have gone before us in death. May our loved ones feast
in the presence of Christ in the eternal glory of heaven. We pray to
the Lord—

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Loving and gracious God, pour out your bounty of hope amid
the hungers of your people. May all who feast on the Eucharist
know your kindness, your faithfulness, and your generosity.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

June 12, 2026

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Let us turn to God in love and offer our needs and our human hearts to the Father's faithfulness and mercy.

For (name), our pope, and (name), our bishop, and all who lead us in faith. May they imitate the heart of Jesus Christ and offer compassion to all who are burdened by life. We pray to the Lord—

For all people who face war, hatred, and hopelessness. May people beaten down by life find in Christ the love and compassion needed to regain a solid future. We pray to the Lord—

For all people devastated by natural disasters, floods, storms, and droughts. May we reach out to people most in need of tender care and hope for their future. We pray to the Lord—

For all people who face illness, disease, and undiagnosed illness. May the ill of our communities know the healing heart of Christ. May hope be born in our human vulnerability. We pray to the Lord—

For all people bowed down by burdens and broken relationships. May the heart of Christ free the shoulders of those who carry such heaviness. May God's wisdom be light and easy. We pray to the Lord—

For all who have died in faith. May God welcome the weary into the eternal kingdom of justice and peace. We pray to the Lord—

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God of eternal peace, comfort those lost in sin and heartache. May the heart of Jesus Christ model for us the hope of everlasting life here on earth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

June 14, 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Let us turn to the love of God, the Father. Let us offer our prayers and the needs of people in pain and despair. Let us live our call to help the lost and to offer hope for the outcast.

For all who lead us in faith, especially (name), our pope, and (name), our bishop. May our leaders unite in Christ's call to give hope to people in need. May mercy become our bread. We pray to the Lord—

For all people lost among the margins of life or who need the basics of life. May Christ give all peoples courage to serve each other unreservedly. We pray to the Lord—

For unity among believers and hope among all who are silenced by oppression. May God bring unity and joy to our worshiping assemblies. We pray to the Lord—

For all who face uncertainty and anxiety. May we follow the example of Christ to heal the darkness and pain of daily life. We pray to the Lord—

For all suffering incurable disease and illnesses that keep them isolated. May hope sustain our earthly bodies. May peace find a home in our vulnerable hearts. We pray to the Lord—

For our beloved dead. May our grief turn into deep prayer for our loved ones who have died and now see the face of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord—

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God of eternal glory, you call us to abandon our self-reliance and serve people who most need love and acceptance. May all people under heaven know the healing presence of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Amen.

June 21, 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Let us turn to our loving God as we offer our prayers and needs.

For all who lead us in faith and service, especially (name), our pope, and (name), our bishop. May they teach us to acknowledge Christ in all of life. We pray to the Lord—

For the end of war, violence, and hatred. May we acknowledge the peace of Christ in all life and offer such peace to others. We pray to the Lord—

For people burdened by sin and doubt. May we live with joy in the Father's love since we are "worth more than many sparrows." May we surrender only to God's grace. We pray to the Lord—

For our families and those who care for our needs. May our lives be supported in God's loving embrace. May hope be food for our day. We pray to the Lord—

For all who grieve the past. May we sort through our fear of losing love. May we be led to openness and joy. We pray to the Lord—

For family members who have died. May all the dead now rest in the assurance of God's peace. We pray to the Lord—

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O God of Providence, we ask you to listen to our hearts burdened by our needs. May we receive your care and your loving plan for our healing. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

June 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Let us pray to our loving Father as we lift our prayers to heaven. May we know God's love here on earth.

For (name), our pope, and (name), our bishop. For all who lead us in faith and love. May their lives bear witness to gospel joy and commitment. We pray to the Lord—

For all civic leaders. May our worldwide leaders work for the basic needs of people. May adequate food, health care, and shelter be available for all people. We pray to the Lord—

For a thriving witness to Christ among us who believe. May our hearts burn with holy zeal to welcome all who are lost and marginalized. May we follow Christ with love and purpose. We pray to the Lord—

For people who live with mental anguish and survive such suffering every day. May there be people who reach out to them. May hope be in Christ's healing love. We pray to the Lord—

For all who grieve their loved ones. May we search our hearts for Christ's love and compassion as we accept loss and death. May our hearts find healing and new life. We pray to the Lord—

For our beloved dead. May God welcome home our loved ones who have taken their last breath. May they live in Christ for all eternity. We pray to the Lord—

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Gracious and merciful Father, listen to our lives in need of purpose, hope, and direction. Heal us who long for your love and care for us who are most in need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Grateful for God’s many blessings, humbled by God’s constant mercy, let us lift up our hearts in prayer.

That the Spirit of God may inspire and guide every dimension of our life together as a church and parish community, we pray to the Lord—

As our nation commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, that our community of faith may be a witness to the common good and the dignity of every human person, we pray to the Lord—

That those who teach, counsel, and care for children may realize the sacred responsibility of their work and model generosity and integrity to the young people entrusted to them, we pray to the Lord—

That we may take up, with joy, Jesus’ “yoke” of charity and his “burden” of compassion for the poor and vulnerable, we pray to the Lord—

That the great compassion of God will restore to health and give hope to the sick, the suffering, the recovering, and the dying, we pray to the Lord—

That the souls of the faithful who have died find rest and peace in the presence of God forever, we pray to the Lord—

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As we lift our voices to you in prayer, O God, raise our spirits to the joy of your presence; as we lift up our hearts to you in hope, transform our lives into the glorious life of your Son, the risen Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. Amen.

July 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

To the God who crowns each year with his goodness, let us lift up our hearts and voices in prayer.

That through our community's ministries we may sow seeds of hope, compassion, and peace for all of God's daughters and sons, we pray to the Lord—

That Pope (name) and those who serve us as bishops, priests, and ministers may reveal to the church and the world a "knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven," we pray to the Lord—

That the nations and peoples of the world will work together to protect and share justly the many gifts of God's creation, we pray to the Lord—

That God will bless the work of farmers and food producers with a bountiful harvest as a blessing for all the human family, we pray to the Lord—

That those members of our families and parish who have died in Christ may "share in the glorious freedom of the children of God," we pray to the Lord—

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Gracious God, hear our prayers. May hope be the rain, compassion the soil, and justice the sunlight in which these prayers take root to realize your blessed harvest. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Good and forgiving is the Lord, abounding in kindness to all who call upon him. In hope, then, let us pray.

For our church and parish community, that our life together may be rooted in the love and mercy of God, we pray to the Lord—

For Pope (name) and the ministers of our church, that they may reveal the love and mercy of God by the example of their lives, we pray to the Lord—

For the leaders of nations, that the justice and peace of God may be at the heart of their service to their people, we pray to the Lord—

For all who are experiencing poverty, homelessness, starvation, and need, that they may find places of welcome and compassion, we pray to the Lord—

For the sick, the suffering, and the recovering, that they may know God's healing and hope in the way they are supported and cared for, we pray to the Lord—

For our deceased relatives and friends, that they may “shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father,” we pray to the Lord—

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Father, hear the prayers of your church. Make us the wheat of compassion sown amid hatred and injustice; a mustard seed of hope for all who come to us in need; a yeast of your love to raise up all who are grieving, lost, or forgotten. We make these prayers to you in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Confident of God's constant and unconditional love, let us offer our prayers for all of God's daughters and sons.

For our church and parish community, that our work and worship together reflect the love and compassion of God, we pray to the Lord—

For all who serve in national, state, and local government, that they may carry out their responsibilities with wisdom and selflessness, we pray to the Lord—

For medical and scientific researchers, that through their study humankind may discover anew the sacredness of all of God's creation, we pray to the Lord—

For all who are sick, suffering, or dying, that they may know, through care and compassion, the healing presence of the risen Jesus, we pray to the Lord—

For the deceased members of our families and communities, that the angels may gather them before the throne of God, we pray to the Lord—

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Hear these prayers we make, O God. May our work to make these prayers a reality be the beginning of realizing your kingdom of justice and peace in this time and place of ours. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

For a Wedding

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

God is present in the midst of our celebration. In faith, let us now pray for (name) and (name) as well as for all the people of God, that we may all live together in his love.

For (name) and (name), that God will bless their new life and home with peace and joy, we pray to the Lord—

For the parents of (name) and (name), that God, the Father of all, will return to them abundantly the love and joy they have given to their children, we pray to the Lord—

For the families and friends of (name) and (name), that they may continue to give them limitless support and unconditional love, especially in times of anxiety, pain, and despair, we pray to the Lord—

For our church, the spouse of the risen Christ, that our faithfulness to the Gospel of love may make us the holy people of God, we pray to the Lord—

For our nation and for all the nations and peoples of the world, that the Spirit of God's peace and justice may reign throughout the earth, we pray to the Lord—

For those who are poor and in need, sick and suffering, that the great love of God living in every human being may restore them to health and hope, we pray to the Lord—

For the deceased members of our families and friends, that they may rejoice forever at the wedding banquet of Christ the Bridegroom, we pray to the Lord—

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Gracious Father, Author of love and Source of all that is good, hear our prayers for (name) and (name). Be with them in their new life together so that their marriage may be a living sacrament of your loving presence in our midst. We offer these prayers in the name of your Son, your love to us incarnate, Jesus Christ. Amen.

For a Funeral

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

To God, the Father of mercy and the Lord of compassion, let us pray.

For (name). May the company of saints welcome (name) into the presence of God forever. We pray to the Lord—

For the family of (name), especially (name[s]). May they find comfort in their memories of (name) and peace in the blessing (name) was to them. We pray to the Lord—

For our church and parish family. May we be a community of hope in the promise of Jesus' resurrection. We pray to the Lord—

For the nations and peoples of the world. May God destroy what divides us and bring us together in his ways of justice and peace. We pray to the Lord—

For those who have dedicated their lives to the care of those who are sick or dying, those who have a physical impairment, and older adults. May God one day exalt them for their compassionate service to others. We pray to the Lord—

For all who are sick and dying. May the compassion of Jesus be present to them in our prayers and care for them. We pray to the Lord—

For the deceased members of the family of (name), and for all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. May they find in the presence of God light, happiness, and peace. We pray to the Lord—

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Hear our prayers, O Lord God, as we gather to commend to you (name). Transform our grief into hope; fill the void we feel with your love; comfort us with your promise of the resurrection. We make our prayers in the name of your Son, our risen Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

With confident faith let us bring our needs and the needs of all people to our loving God.

For the whole church, God's people, to magnify the Lord and bear Christ to the world, we pray to the Lord—

For believers who work to transform society, lifting up the lowly and filling the hungry with good things, we pray to the Lord—

For all who assist expectant mothers in need, as Mary assisted Elizabeth, we pray to the Lord—

For each of us, that we may be blessed in our believing in the fulfillment of God's promise, we pray to the Lord—

For the protection of the Blessed Mother for all who need her intercession, we pray to the Lord—

For those who have died, may they share in Christ's victory over death, we pray to the Lord—

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God of life, in the glory of the resurrection you raised up Christ, the first fruits of the new creation. In Mary may we see the beginning of the great harvest of saints in heaven we hope to join. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For First Fridays

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

We know that God is faithful and constant in love for those who believe. Let us pray for all our needs.

For pastors, deacons, and all who minister to the people of God, that their service empower them to share Christ's love with the people entrusted to their care, let us pray to the Lord—

For all who teach how precious life is to God from the moment of conception to natural death, that the heart of Jesus give them persistence, let us pray to the Lord—

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

For those who need employment, may they be able to maintain their dignity and obtain the work they are seeking, let us pray to the Lord—

For those who hear a call from the heart of Christ to follow him in a religious or priestly vocation, may they respond to the grace, let us pray to the Lord—

For those who have died, especially our deceased friends and relatives, that they may find rest for their souls 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 mercy, hear our prayers and help us reach out to others with hearts filled with love.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Easter Season—1

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

As a people of faith we bring our needs and those of all people to our God confident that when our voices are raised in prayer we will be heard.

For the shepherds of our church—our pope, bishop, pastor, and all who serve the people of God—that they listen lovingly to the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow him faithfully, we pray to the Lord—

For those who serve in public office, that they listen creatively and patiently to the voices of those who elected them and work for their good, we pray to the Lord—

For parents and teachers, that they shepherd their children and students with respect, love, and concern for their growth in virtue and knowledge, we pray to the Lord—

For all people to respect human life from conception to natural death, we pray to the Lord—

For the “other sheep” of Jesus’ flock, that soon there may be one flock and one Shepherd, we pray to the Lord—

For all who have died, especially _____ and _____, that they rest and rejoice in the glory of God’s kingdom, we pray to the Lord—

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God our Shepherd, feed us and protect us. We give you thanks for your beloved Son Jesus who died and rose for his flock. May we follow him to the glory of your eternal kingdom. We ask this in his name. Amen.

For Weekdays in Easter Season—2

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

With hearts and minds renewed through the love of Christ we bring our needs to the Lord who loves us.

That our love for the leaders of the church be strengthened and their service to the church be renewed, we pray to the Lord—

That our civil leaders deepen their love of their people and serve them unselfishly, we pray to the Lord—

That this faith community be a sign of God's love for all people as we worship and work together, we pray to the Lord—

That our families may grow in love and find new ways to express that love for one another, we pray to the Lord—

That we strive to love those who do not love us, we pray to the Lord—

That all who have died, especially _____ and _____, may rejoice in the full measure of God's love and life, we pray to the Lord—

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God of love, we are grateful for your great love, which sent your Son Jesus to save us and give us the supreme example of love. Help us love you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. We ask this in the name of Jesus who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen.

For Weekdays in Easter Season—3

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

The Lord has opened our minds and hearts to the wisdom of God, let us bring our needs to our loving God.

We ask the Lord to inspire the leaders of God’s people to teach and remind us of all that Jesus has said and done, let us pray to the Lord—

We ask the Lord to direct and motivate our political leaders to attend to the needs of the poor throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord—

We ask the Lord to assist this faith community to always remember that God dwells with us, especially those who need defending, let us pray to the Lord—

We ask the Lord to open our hearts and minds that we may continue to learn more about our faith in order to practice it maturely, let us pray to the Lord—

We ask the Lord to heal the hurts of those who have been abused in any way, let us pray to the Lord—

We ask the Lord of life to bring to peace and joy those who have died, especially _____ and _____, let us pray to the Lord—

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God of glory, we are blessed that you have made your dwelling with us. Continue to remind us of your eternal presence with us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen.

For Weekdays in Easter Season—4

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

We confidently make our needs known to our resurrected Lord Jesus.

For our pope, bishop, pastor, and all leaders of the church, that they be witnesses to Jesus' words and works to the ends of the earth, we pray to the Lord—

For our international, national, state, and local leaders, that they work together to assist the needy and raise the hopes of all who cannot help themselves, we pray to the Lord—

For this faith community, that we worship and work together with all humility, gentleness, and patience, we pray to the Lord—

For all victims of war, violence, and abuse, that they not lose hope in their times of trouble and receive the help they need, we pray to the Lord—

For those who are preparing for marriage, may they deepen their love for one another, we pray to the Lord—

For all who have died, especially _____ and _____, that they rejoice in God's kingdom of life and love, we pray to the Lord—

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God of life and love, welcome us into your eternal kingdom as you have welcomed your beloved Son Jesus after his life of service and sacrifice on our behalf. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

For Weekdays in Easter Season—5

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Almighty God has given us the bright promise of eternal life through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Let us bring our needs and the needs of all people to God:

That Pope Leo, the bishops, and the whole church be strengthened and guided by the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord—

That civil leaders be given the grace to understand all human life, from conception to natural death, is a God-given right, we pray to the Lord—

That each day we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we pray to the Lord—

That we always offer praise and thanks to God for all the gifts we receive, we pray to the Lord—

That the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, and the sick may know God's care for them because of our assistance, we pray to the Lord—

That the faithful departed may enter into the divine presence of the Holy Trinity, we pray to the Lord—

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Almighty God who loves us, help us to understand your great love for us and make us ready to respond to your love. We ask this through our risen Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—1

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

The Holy Spirit leads us to prayer and gives us the assurance that our loving God will hear the petitions we bring;

For the Christian churches, may they be one in the unifying love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord—

For civil authorities, may they intensify their efforts to establish peace and justice in this and every land, let us pray to the Lord—

For the homeless and the hungry, the sick and the dying, may they receive consolation through us from the God who cares for them, let us pray to the Lord—

For all who have gathered here, may we welcome the love of God poured into our hearts in the Eucharist, let us pray to the Lord—

For all to respect the God-given gift of life, from conception to natural death, let us pray to the Lord—

For all who have died, especially _____ and _____, may they share the glory of the Triune God, let us pray to the Lord—

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Lord our God, have mercy on us and answer our prayers. Let the love that unites the Persons of the Trinity shape our lives and the lives of all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—2

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

God, our creator, is made known to us in many ways.
In confidence we bring our needs to our loving God:

That with Pope Leo and our bishop we share this world's good
with those in need, we pray to the Lord—

That civil authorities will wisely and unselfishly use God's gifts for
the improvement of all people, we pray to the Lord—

That we will have a deeper understanding and love of the
Eucharist, we pray to the Lord—

That our celebration of the Eucharist will unite us into a more
loving people of God, we pray to the Lord—

That parents and children will listen to each other and deepen their
trust and affection, we pray to the Lord—

That we remember those who have died, especially _____
and _____, and all the members of the communion of
saints, we pray to the Lord—

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God, Creator and Father of the whole human family, your love
extends to all of your creatures, especially the poor and help-
less. Help us be messengers of that love and make our lives a
continuation of our Eucharist. We ask this through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—3

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Let us bring our prayers to the Lord, whose kindness is unending.

That the members of the church will find renewed strength in God's love, let us pray to the Lord—

That all nations and peoples will find lasting peace in God's plan for this world, let us pray to the Lord—

That we nurture vocations from our families to the priesthood and religious life, let us pray to the Lord—

That the ill and infirm will find abundant comfort in God's healing through us, let us pray to the Lord—

That all people will respect the God-given gift of life from conception to natural death, let us pray to the Lord—

That the dying and those who have died, especially _____ and _____, will find everlasting joy in God's salvation, let us pray to the Lord—

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All-holy God, you are merciful and gracious to us and to all your people. Look upon us in your great love, and grant us the riches of your favor, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—4

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

We have listened to the wisdom of God in the Liturgy of the Word. Let us now turn to God with these our petitions:

For the church, that it forever remain free from evil and be made perfect in love, we pray to the Lord—

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

For all travelers and pilgrims, that they have a safe journey, we pray to the Lord—

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that we benefit from their ministries and support them in their need, we pray to the Lord—

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

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

For Weekdays in Ordinary Time—5

Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful

Jesus prayed that “they all may be one as you Father and I are one.” Bringing our hopes and prayers for the church we pray:

That the pope, our bishop, and all ministers of the church be compassionate “fishers” of souls for God, we pray to the Lord—

That all churches and faith communities may find unity in the Gospel of the risen Christ, we pray to the Lord—

That the Gospel of Christ may be the center of our life together as a church and community, we pray to the Lord—

That the nations and peoples of the world may live in peace, working together to protect the dignity and rights of all, we pray to the Lord—

That all human life, from the moment of conception through natural death be hallowed by all people, we pray to the Lord—

That those who have died, especially _____ and _____, may enter into the presence of our merciful God, we pray to the Lord—

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Almighty God help us to accept your plan of salvation. Always be at our side with your assistance. We make our prayer through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.