

## Suggested General Intercessions to be Used at a Funeral

*Note: These prayers follow the homily.*

### Option A

Priest: *offers an introductory prayer*

Reader:

1. In baptism \_\_\_\_\_ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead **him/her** over the waters of death... We pray to the Lord.
2. Our **brother/sister** \_\_\_\_\_ was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome **him/her** into the halls of the heavenly banquet... We pray to the Lord.
3. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son... We pray to the Lord.
4. Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone... We pray to the Lord.
5. The family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief... We pray to the Lord.
6. We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our **brother/sister** \_\_\_\_\_. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. .. We pray to the Lord.

(Reader remains in place until the concluding prayer is finished)

Priest: *offers concluding prayer*

## Option B

Priest: *offers an introductory prayer*

Reader:

1. For \_\_\_\_\_ 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.
2. 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.
3. For our deceased relatives and friends, (especially  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_) that they may have the reward of their goodness ... We pray to the Lord.

*If desired, the family may insert names of other deceased family members. If it is more than three or four names you should consider inserting "...for all the deceased of the Smith and Jones family..."*

4. For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face... We pray to the Lord.
5. For the family and friends of our **brother/sister** \_\_\_\_\_, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus... We pray to the Lord.
6. For all of us who are gathered here in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's Kingdom ... We pray to the Lord.

(Reader remains in place until the concluding prayer is finished)

Priest: *offers concluding prayer*