Sample Intercessions

Good character is built like strong muscles - by exertion. Goodness is not inherited from our parents. It is not created by the environment. It does not belong to one race or class or even faith. Rather, good character is the fruit and the reward of living a morally good life in face of all challenges and obstacles to the contrary. Let us together pray for peace and well-being among all: There are many who are besmirched with the cares of this world and the doubts of the mind. But, they can be cleansed by the touch of the Master's hand. We pray for all who need to come clean at the fountain of life and receive blessing in the Lord.

- That those harboring angry feelings toward others might be washed clean and find welcome in the Christian community, we pray to the Lord.
- That those dealing with deep feelings of inferiority or with the demons of depression might be washed clean, we pray to the Lord.
- For those who strive to eliminate violence in our community, in the home and the workplace, let us pray to the Lord.
- For those who struggle to overcome habits of prejudice and indifference, let us pray to the Lord.
- For migrants, refugees and strangers in our midst, that they may find hope in our concern for justice and feel the warmth of our love, let us pray to the Lord.
- For our public officials and politicians, that they may find ways to treat immigrants, refugees and those at the margins of society with justice, let us pray to the Lord.
- For our community/parish gathered here today to celebrate our unity in the Lord, that we may come to greater understanding and acceptance of our differences, let us pray to the Lord.
- For those who are overwhelmed by loneliness, poverty and despair because of their race or background, that they may be comforted through our help and kindness, let us pray to the Lord.
- That children and future generations may not be plagued with racist attitudes and behavior, but will love others as God loves us.
- That the world's nations and peoples may find cause for unity and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Father of compassion, God of mercy, you are never far from us, and you never cease to hear our cries. We beg your blessing upon the good that we do, and your healing of the ills that afflict our individual lives and our communities. In Jesus' name we pray.