

Prayers of the People, Form VI

Adaptations may be made to more closely suit your community

In the company of ever-blessed Mary the Mother of God, [_____,] and all the saints, let us pray to the Lord.

Silence is kept and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

For the Church:

for all who follow in the way of Jesus, especially those who are persecuted for their faith.

For courage, wisdom, and patience as we seek Christ in the world.

For the leaders of the Church:

for N. our presiding bishop; for N. our bishop; [for _____]; and for all those who oversee the ministry of reconciliation.

For all who advance the mission of the Church.

For the nation:

for those who dwell in cities and in the country; for north and south, east and west; for rich and poor; for those born here and those who journey here; for people of all races and genders.

For all who call our nation their home.

For those who govern and for those who offer themselves for elected office.

For the blessing of humble leaders and wise governance.

For the planet and for the will to be wise and just stewards of our resources.

For those who suffer from famine and disaster.

For the nations of the world:

for peace in our own day, especially in the holy city of Jerusalem.

For all places torn by violence, conflict, and oppression.

For this *community/city/town*, and for those who govern, [especially N.].

For faithful servants to guide our common life.

Other petitions for the concerns of the community may be inserted here.

For those who seek healing, especially NN.

For those who work to bring wholeness in body, mind, and spirit.

For those who have died, especially NN., and those whom we hold in our hearts.

For the completion of your will for them.

We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

Almighty and most merciful *Mother*,
By water and the Holy Spirit
you have redeemed us from sin and death,
Making us members of the Body of your Son
And heirs of your eternal reign.
We confess that we have squandered our inheritance
And wandered far from your ways.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
We have done those things which we ought not to have done.
In the abundance of your love, forgive us our sins.
Purify our wills,
Illuminate our path,
And bring us to union with you
Through him who is reconciling the world,
Our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Presider pronounces absolution (or a prayer for forgiveness, if not a priest or bishop).