

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL (GENERAL INTERCESSIONS)

*These two prayers we will pray at each funeral Mass: **RESPONSE IS: "LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER."***

1. For (.....), who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, may he/she be held securely in God's loving embrace now, and for all eternity, we pray to the Lord...
2. For all the relatives and friends assembled here at St. Agatha's to worship in faith, and celebrate (.....'s) new life, that one day we may be gathered together again in God's heavenly kingdom, we pray to the Lord...

Category 1: Prayers for the deceased person's loved ones — *Please choose one*

- 1A.** For (.....'s) family and friends, may they feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief, we pray to the Lord...
- 1B.** For (.....'s) friends, loyal and true, may they be consoled in their loss and strengthened in their love for one another, we pray to the Lord...
- 1C.** Bless (.....'s) parents, her/his sisters and brothers, and the many relatives and friends who gather around him/her today, that we may be consoled in our grief by the healing power of Christ who wept at the death of his friend, Lazarus, we pray to the Lord...

Category 2: Specific prayers — *Please choose those that you would like to pray*

- 2A.** For all those who suffer with sickness—physically, emotionally, or spiritually may Christ's healing bring them comfort, we pray to the Lord...
- 2B.** For all those serving in the military to preserve our freedom, may they be supported by our prayers and comforted by their faith, we pray to the Lord...
- 2C.** For all the doctors, nurses and care-givers at (hospital or nursing home), who ministered to (.....) may their dedication and generosity be rewarded; we pray to the Lord...

Category 3: *Please choose one*

- 3A.** For the deceased members of all our families, in particular the (.....) and (.....) families, as they welcome (.....) to share with them the heavenly kingdom that God has prepared for them, we pray to the Lord....
- 3B.** For all the deceased members of the (.....) family, as they welcome (.....) to live with them in the presence of God's love for all eternity, we pray to the Lord....

***READERS:** Please remain at the lectern until the priest says the concluding prayer after the Prayers of the Faithful.