

## **General Intercessions (Prayers of the Faithful)**

### **Option # 1**

*After the homily, the person reading the intercessions walks up to the ambo (the lectern) on the altar and waits while the priest begins the intercessions with a short prayer such as:*

Priest: O God, confident that you hear the voice of those who turn to you in faith, we offer our prayers:

**For \_\_\_\_\_, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life; may he/she now join the communion of saints.**

**We pray to the Lord.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life; may he/she be raised up on the last day.**

**We pray to the Lord.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us; may they be rewarded for their goodness.**

**We pray to the Lord.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**For all who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again; may they see God face to face.**

**We pray to the Lord.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**For the family and friends of our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_, may they be consoled in their grief by Jesus who wept at the death of his friend, Lazarus.**

**We pray to the Lord.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**For all of us assembled here to worship in faith; may we be gathered together again at the heavenly banquet.**

**We pray to the Lord.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Father prays a concluding prayer. The person reading the intercessions remains at the ambo (the lectern) until all say "Amen," then returns to the pew.*

## **General Intercessions (Prayers of the Faithful)**

### **Option # 2**

*After the homily, the person reading the intercessions walks up to the ambo (the lectern) on the altar and waits while the priest begins the intercessions with a short prayer such as:*

Priest: Brothers and sisters, because Jesus loves us as he loved Lazarus, Martha, and Mary, we are confident that he hears and answers our prayers:

**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.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**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.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with Christ Jesus.**

**We pray to the Lord.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**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.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_ . Strengthen our hope that we may live in the expectation of the coming of Christ.**

**We pray to the Lord.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Father prays a concluding prayer. The person reading the intercessions remains at the ambo (the lectern) until all say "Amen," then returns to the pew.*