

For the Poor and Neglected

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you the homeless, the destitute, the sick, the aged, and all who have none to care for them. Heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Those in Illness or Affliction

Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad and the strength of those who suffer, hear the prayers of your people who are in any trouble. Grant to everyone in distress mercy, relief, and refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

(when attendance at Holy Communion is impossible).

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. As I cannot receive communion at this time, I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Grant me, Lord, to evermore dwell in you, and you in me. Let nothing separate me from you and the communion of your Church, and let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

For one who is sick

O merciful Father, who has taught us in your Holy Word that you do not willingly afflict us: Look with pity on our *brother/sister* ___ for whom our prayers are offered. Remember *him*, O Lord, in mercy. Nourish *his* soul in patience, comfort *him* with a sense of your goodness, lift up your countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOME PRAYERS

for use by individuals and families

adapted according to the Book of Alternative Services

Leader Jesus said, "And if I am lifted up, I will draw the whole world to myself."

All **We will take up our cross and follow him.**

Leader We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

All **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Almighty God, by the suffering of your Son you have brought hope to the whole world. Help us in our trials and be the strength of our human weakness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A hymn may be sung, or the following may be said:

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence, *

and he will be my Saviour.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Isaiah 55:6-11

The Reading (*read one or more lessons from scripture.*)

Normally, at least one lesson should be from the Gospels.

Leader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

A reflection, time of meditation, or a printed online sermon may be read.

The Prayers

Leader Let us pray together to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Leader Loving God, we thank you for your many gifts to us, for the love which brings us together, for the earth which provides for our needs, for the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ, (especially for ...).

All **Lord, hear our prayer.** (*Repeated after each section.*)

Leader We pray to you for our Christian family. We pray for our parish (especially for ...). We pray for grace to grow in your love.

Leader We pray to you for our world, for all its cares and needs, for our elected leaders all who lead us and care for us, (especially ...)

Leader We pray to you for those in need, for the sick and the lonely, for the hurt and the frightened, and for those who live without hope (especially ...).

Leader We pray for those who have died in faith (especially...), that they may rest in peace and rise in glory, and that you will surround those who mourn with your care and love.

Leader We pray for one another, asking you to bless us, our friends, and relatives. Bless the places where we work, and bless our home and our life together.

Personal prayers or the prayers on the back of this leaflet may be offered here.

Leader Let us remember before God our selfish ways, the things we have done wrong, the sorrows we have caused, the love we have not shown.

All **Most merciful Father, forgive us our sins against you and against each other. Strengthen us to overcome our weaknesses, that we may live in love as you would have us live, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

The Prayer for Pardon through the Cross

Almighty God, grant that our sins may be forgiven and remembered no more through the Cross of your Son Jesus Christ; and, cleansed by his blood and mindful of his sacrifice, give us grace to take up our cross daily and follow him in newness of life until we come to his everlasting kingdom; this we ask in Jesus' Name. **Amen.**

Leader And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.