

## Samples for use in preparing the **Prayer of the Faithful**

*(pick 4 to 6 prayers and discuss with the Priest)*

1. We pray for N who has died: - may God now welcome him/her into his heavenly home of eternal happiness and peace. (Priest says, "Lord, hear us")
2. We pray for the relatives and friends of N, especially his/her wife/husband N, his/her sons and daughters ....., his/her brothers and sisters ....., the members of his/her extended family, his/her neighbours and friends: - may God fill their hearts with his comfort and consolation. (Priest says, "Lord, hear us")
3. We pray for all those whose lives are dedicated to caring for the sick and in particular we pray for the doctors, nurses, chaplain and staff of ..... Hospital/Nursing Home who cared for N during his/her illness / old age: - may God reward their goodness and kindness. (Priest says, "Lord, hear us")
4. We pray in thanksgiving for our neighbours and friends who have been so kind to us during this time of sadness: - may God reward their kindness and bless their homes with happiness and peace. (Priest says, "Lord, hear us")
5. As we pray that N will find eternal peace, we pray that the peace that is in heaven will touch the troubled parts of our world, our country, our parish, our homes and our hearts. (Priest says, "Lord, hear us")
6. We pray for all who are ill at this time: - may God lay his healing hand on them and give them courage and hope. (Priest says, "Lord, hear us")
7. We pray for young people: - may they always value goodness, kindness and friendship. May they see the beauty of the gift of human life. May they come to know God the Father's love for each and every one of them. (Priest says, "Lord, hear us")
8. We pray for all elderly people: - may they receive love and care from their families and friends and may they have courage to give witness to faith and to the hope of eternal life. (Priest says, "Lord, hear us")
9. We pray for all who have died, especially the relatives and friends of N who have gone before him/her: - may God unite them all in the happiness and peace of his heavenly home. (Priest says, "Lord, hear us")