

Bidding Prayers (Example 1).

Celebrant: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.

Reader or the Celebrant continues:

Reader: For N. who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of saints.

Lord in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

Reader: For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised up at the last day.

Lord in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

Reader: For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.

Lord in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.

Lord in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the family and friends of our brother/sister N., that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

Lord in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's Kingdom.

Lord in your mercy:

R. Hear our prayer.

Bidding Prayers (Example 2).

Celebrant: Dear Friends, let us pray humbly to God our most merciful Father, for our brothers and sisters who have died in the Lord.

Lord of your mercy, forgive their sins.

Lord hear us.

A. Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: For N. who has died in faith; Lord we beg you to accept the good things he/she has done.

Lord hear us.

A. Lord graciously hear us.

I Reader: In thanking you for the life of N. we ask you to accept the good things he/she has done. That those good things may be an example for us and that you may lead him/her, of your mercy, to eternal life.

Lord hear us.

A. Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: Let us not forget to pray for all who are affected by the loss of one they loved. May God console them in their grief and heal the pain they feel at this time.

Lord hear us.

A. Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: Increase their faith and strengthen their hope. May they meet with their loved ones again in heaven

Lord hear us.

A. Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: Let us pray also for ourselves still pilgrims on earth. May God console and keep us safe in his service. May our hearts be raised to a longing for the things of heaven.

Lord hear us.

A. Lord graciously hear us.

***Cel:* Concluding prayer.**