

Prayers of the Faithful




The prayers of the faithful always include 4 types of prayers. Write a petition that is meaningful to you for each type. You can be specific, which public authorities? Which needs of the Church?

1. For the needs of the Church:

2. For public authorities and the salvation of the whole world:

3. For those burdened by any kind of difficulty:

4. For the local community:



Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.
Phil 4:6 (NABRE)



Did You Know?

The "Prayers of the Faithful" part of the Mass, is also called "The Universal Prayer".

The Priest Celebrant is the person who chooses the prayers based on the needs of the parish and the world.



Reflection Questions

Pause to reflect on how prayer has affected your life.

When have you ever prayed for a friend or family member and your petition came to pass? Thank the Lord for His care.

When have you prayed for something and it didn't turn out how you wanted? Even if we don't understand it, God always has a greater plan. And prayer always brings us closer in friendship with God, even when we're disappointed.

Response of Supplication

Use your reflections to guide a conversation with God.

Have you felt disappointment in prayer lately? Talk to God about how you feel and share from your heart your desires. Listen to what He may say to your heart in response.

Guided Imaginative Prayer

Follow the prompt to enter into imaginative prayer with God.

Close your eyes, and think of someone you know who needs God's help. Now imagine them next to you. Invite them to come with you to talk to Jesus. The two of you find Jesus, smiling and waiting for you. You tell Jesus about what's happening to your friend and He listens with compassion. The three of you end your time together praying an Our Father.



Works Cited

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