



The Universal Prayer

The couple may choose from the following sample prayers or create their own. The general formula for the Universal Prayer is:

1. The needs of the universal church
2. Public authorities and the salvation of the whole world
3. People burdened by any kind of difficulty
4. The local church and assembly

When you have selected or prepared your intercessions please give a copy to the presider.

Sample Intercessions #1:

For the communion of all Christian churches, that all who follow Christ may live in the unity for which Christ prayed, let us pray to the Lord.

For the parishes of which N. and N. have been a part, (here name the parishes), let us pray to the Lord.

For our nation and this city, and for those who serve in our government, let us pray to the Lord.

For the poor, the homeless, and the unemployed, and for all who suffer under persecution, let us pray to the Lord.

For the parents and families of N. and N., and for all who formed them in their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

For the deceased relatives of N. and N., that our prayer today may be joined with theirs, let us pray to the Lord.

Sample Intercessions #2:

For the Church throughout the world and for those who serve the Church, that all people of God might preach and practice the gospel of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

For the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God, that they may continue to grow in the love of God's name and in faithfulness to the covenant, we pray to the Lord.

For the outcasts and the downtrodden of our city and our nation, that they may find refuge and compassion in our churches and families, we pray to the Lord.

For family members who have died, (here mention members who have died), that our prayer today may be joined with theirs, we pray to the Lord.

For the families and friends of N. and N. gathered here today and for those unable to be with us, that we may support one another in times of need as we rejoice with one another today, we pray to the Lord.

For N. and N., that the Lord bless them with many happy years together, we pray to the Lord.