

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS
UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR THE FUNERAL OF A PRIEST
OPTION A**

Archbishop/Bishop:

Brothers and sisters,

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

Deacon or Lector:

In baptism **N.** received the light of Christ.

Scatter the darkness now and lead him over the waters of death.

Lord, in your mercy: R. Hear our prayer.

Our brother **N.** was nourished at the table of the Savior.

Welcome him into the halls of the heavenly banquet.

Lord, in your mercy: R. Hear our prayer.

Our brother **N.** shared in the priesthood of Jesus Christ, leading God's people in prayer and worship.

Bring him into your presence where he will take his place in the heavenly liturgy.

Lord, in your mercy: R. Hear our prayer.

May many more men follow our brother **N.** in the service of the Church.

Bless the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with numerous vocations to the holy priesthood.

Lord, in your mercy: R. Hear our prayer.

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom.

Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.

Lord, in your mercy: R. Hear our prayer.

Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day.

Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love,

and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace.

Lord, in your mercy: R. Hear our prayer.

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord.
Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.
Lord, in your mercy: R. Hear our prayer.

The family and friends of **N.** seek comfort and consolation.
Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.
Lord, in your mercy: R. Hear our prayer.

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother **N.**
Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation
of your son's coming.
Lord, in your mercy: R. Hear our prayer.

Archbishop/Bishop:

Lord God,
giver of peace and healer of souls,
hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ,
and the voices of your people,
whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb.
Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ
and grant them a place in the kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS
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OPTION B**

Archbishop/Bishop:

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

Deacon or Lector:

For **N.** who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life,
that he may now be admitted to the company of the saints.
We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our brother who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life,
that he may be raised up on the last day.
We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our brother **N.**, who served the Church as a priest,
that he may be given a place in the liturgy of heaven.
We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For more numerous vocations to the sacred priesthood,
that these men may follow our brother **N.** as worthy shepherds of your people.
We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us,
that they may have the reward of their goodness.
We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again,
that they may see God face to face.
We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For the family and friends of our brother **N.**,
that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord,
who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.
We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith,
that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.
We pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Archbishop/Bishop:

God, our shelter and our strength,
you listen in love to the cry of your people:
hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters.
Cleanse them of their sins
and grant them the fullness of redemption.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen