

General Intercessions

Bishop:

My dear friends: Let us be one in prayer to God our Father as we are one in the faith, hope, and love his Spirit gives.

Deacon or reader:

1. For us / these sons and daughters of God, confirmed by the gift of the Spirit, that we / they give witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love, we pray to the Lord: *R. - Lord, hear our prayer.*
2. For our / their parents and godparents who led us / them in faith, that by word and example they may always encourage us / them to follow the way of Jesus Christ, we pray to the Lord: *R.*
3. For the Holy Church of God, in union with Pope Francis, and all the bishops: that God, who gathers us together by the Holy Spirit, may help us grow in unity of faith and love, until his Son returns in glory, we pray to the Lord: *R.*
4. For all people, of every race and nation, that they may acknowledge the one God as Father, and in the bond of communion seek his kingdom, which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord: *R.*
5. For vocations to the Sacred Priesthood and to the Consecrated Life: that the young people Christ is calling will hear his voice and will be given the grace to respond with courage and generosity, we pray to the Lord: *R.*

Bishop:

God our Father, you sent your Holy Spirit upon the apostles, and through them and their successors you give the Spirit to your people. May his work begun at Pentecost continue to grow in the hearts of all who believe. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *R. Amen.*

These intercessions are required for the Mass; a few others may be added if desired.