



Guidelines for Writing Prayers of the Faithful

October - 2009

According to the Church Guidelines, the Prayers of the Faithful are Prayers of Petition, rather than Thanksgiving, and are usually written in the following order:

Opening Prayer

1. The Church, community of believers, all the baptized, those who minister;
2. World leaders or those who lead nations, war; peace;
3. One another
4. Prayers reflective of what is going on in the world and community (Mother's/ Father's day, a disaster, our sister parish Virgin of Nazareth in Lima Peru, the poor, refugees, missionaries, vocations, etc.); check the Church calendar to see if there is a particular Sunday designated for vocations, missionaries, etc. and include that in this particular prayer;
5. Those who are ill
6. Those who have died; if you know that a parishioner died during the week, include their name in the prayer; otherwise the Pastor or a staff person will add it;

Closing Prayer

Link two of the Prayers of the Faithful to the themes of the readings for that day;

Send to the Pastor by Thursday before they are to be used. Send as an attachment as well as in the body of the e-mail in case they can't be opened.

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Thank you for your participation in this ministry!

A.M.D.G.