



there must be more to **life...**



Discover Jesus.

Prayers of the Faithful

Diocesan Prayer (if not used as Collect or elsewhere)

Lord Jesus, you call us to be your disciples and friend; help us to journey with you on the way of life toward the Father. Enable us by the Spirit to discover not only the fullness of who you are, but also the fullness of life you offer to each one of us.

Amen.

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Lord God, guide with your wisdom and power the leaders of the nations, so that everyone may live in peace and mutual trust, sharing with justice the resources of the earth. Give the people of this land a spirit of unselfishness, compassion, and fairness in public and private life.

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God, as we go out into the world shining with your light and your truth, help us to reflect your love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can witness that we are followers of Christ and through that witness draw others into your loving care.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, we thank you for John our Bishop and all the Clergy of this Diocese. May they continue to serve your Church on earth through ministry and mission by bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to all people with passion and love.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Compassionate God, we pray for those in the community who most need our love and for a renewed commitment to our ministries by giving of our time, talent, and treasure. We pray for our future, the plans, and any hard decisions; that all will be carried out in Your name and for your glory.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Caring God, we bring to you those who have asked for our prayers as they struggle whether in mind, body or soul. [We think particularly of ... (include names of people who have asked for prayers.)] Be with them and their carers and give comfort in their time of need.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, we praise you for all your servants who have died in the faith of Christ. Give comfort and peace to those who grieve them and we may look forward with confidence to that time when we will join you in eternity.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

[We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.]

Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,
give food to the hungry ...
and nourish us all with your word.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...
Deepen our appreciation of your truth
and fill us with your life.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,
recover the straggler,
bind up the injured,
strengthen the sick
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived and
believed in you ...
Raise us with them to eternal life.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us,
accept our prayers, and be with us always.
Amen.