

in memory of Darlene Z. Prendergast (1930–2001)

Prayer of Intercession: Vigil for the Deceased

Michael Prendergast

Order of Christian Funerals

Keyboard accompaniment by Steve Grundy

INVITATION TO PRAYER: Presiding Minister

Em Bm7 Em C D7/A G D Am

Let us turn to Christ Je - sus with con - fi - dence and faith in the

RESPONSE: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Em/B Bm7 Em Em Bm7 Em (Fine) 1st time: D.S.

pow'r of his cross and res - ur - rec-tion: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

INTERCESSIONS: Cantor

G D

1. Risen Lord, pattern of our
2. Promise and im - age of
3. Son of God who came to de -
4. Word of God who delivered us from the
5. Crucified Lord, forsak - en in
6. Lord Jesus, gentle Shepherd who brings rest to our souls, give peace to
7. Lord Jesus, you bless those who mourn and are in pain. Bless N.'s family and friends who gath - er a -

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Em Bm7 C D/A Em *D.S.*

1. life for _____ ev - er: _____
 2. what we shall be: _____
 3. stroy sin and death: _____
 4. fear of death: _____
 5. death, raised in glo - ry: _____
 6. N. for ev - er: _____
 7. round *him/her* to - day: _____

Lord, have mer - cy.

Litany for the Transfer of the Body to the Church or to the Place of Committal

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Em Bm7 Em Bm7

Dear — friends, our Lord comes to raise the

Em C Bm/D Bm Am7

dead and com - forts us with the so - lace of his love. Let us

§ **RESPONSE: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All** (Fine)
1st time: *D.S.*

G/B Bm7 Em Em Bm7 Em

praise the Lord Je - sus Christ. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

INTERCESSIONS: Cantor

C G/B

1. Word of God, Creator of the earth to which *N.* now re - turns:
2. Son of God, you raise up the just
3. Crucified Lord, you protect the soul of *N.* by the power of your cross,
4. Judge of the living and the dead, at your voice the tombs will open
5. All praise to you, Je - sus our Savior,

Am7 Bm

1. in baptism you called *him/her* to eternal life to praise your Fa - ther for
 2. and clothe them with the glo - ry of your
 3. and on the day of your coming you will show mercy to all the faith - ful de -
 4. and all the just who sleep in your peace will rise and sing the glo - ry of
 5. death is in your hands and all the living de - pend on you a -

Cadd9 C D Esus4 Em D.S.

1. ev - er: }
 2. king - dom: }
 3. part - ed: }
 4. God: _____ }
 5. lone: _____ }
 Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of Intercession: Funeral for a Deceased Child

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Keyboard accompaniment by Steve Grundy

INVITATION TO PRAYER: Presiding Minister

Em Bm7 Em C D/A

The Lord Je - sus is the lov - er of his peo - ple and our

G D Em Bm/D Bm Am7 C

on - ly sure hope. Let us ask him to deep - en our faith and sus -

§ **RESPONSE: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All**

G/B Bm7 Em Am7 Bm Em (Fine) 1st time: D.S.

tain us in this dark hour. Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

INTERCESSIONS: Cantor

G/D D C D/A C/G D.S.

1. You became a little child for our sake, sharing our hu - man life.
 2. You grew in wisdom, age, and grace and learned obedi - ence through suffering.
 3. You welcomed children, promising them your kingdom.
 4. You comforted those who mourned the loss of child - ren and friends. } To you we pray:
 5. You took upon yourself the suffering and death of us all.
 6. You promised to raise up those who believe in you, just as you were raised up in glory by the Father.

Composer Notes

I first wrote the intercessions for the “Vigil for the Deceased,” based on the Dies Irae (Chant Mode I), for my mother’s funeral in 2001. The litany was later added for the section “Order of Christian Funerals” in *Journeysongs*, Second Edition (OCP 510).

The Order of Christian Funerals (OCF) indicates “Having heard the word of God proclaimed and preached, the assembly responds at the vigil and at the funeral liturgy with prayers of intercession for the deceased and all the dead, for the family and all who mourn, and for all in the assembly. The holy people of God, confident in their belief in the communion of saints, exercise their royal priesthood by joining together in this prayer for all those who have died” (OCF 29).

The “Prayer of Intercession, Litany” is found in the Vigil for the Deceased ritual at OCF 78, 94; the “Litany for the Transfer of the Body to the Church or to the Place of Committal” is at OCF 123; and the “Prayer of Intercession, Litany: Vigil for a Deceased Child” is at OCF 260.

At the heart of these celebrations are the Liturgy of the Word and the Prayer of Intercession. These litanies become preeminent when chanted, so the assembly may fully exercise their baptismal priesthood while offering prayers to God for the salvation of all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith (cf. *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship* 115c, 171).

—*Michael R. Prendergast*

Assembly Editions

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION: VIGIL FOR THE DECEASED

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TRANSFER OF THE BODY TO THE CHURCH OR TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

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Response: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

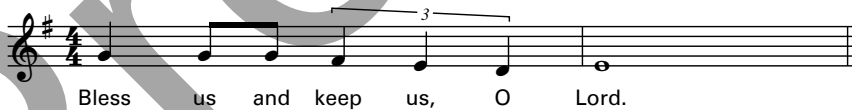


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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION: FUNERAL FOR A DECEASED CHILD

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