THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE TWO) — EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (A)



THE PREPARATION

THE INVITATION SENTENCE

An appropriate sentence may be used.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

THE GREETINGS

All stand. The Celebrant and the people exchange greetings.

Celebrant <i>People</i>	Alleluia, Christ is risen. <i>The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.</i>
Celebrant	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost:

Celebrant	Alleluia, Christ is risen.
People	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In Advent, Lent and on other penitential occasions:

Celebrant	Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People	His mercy endures for ever.

All remain standing.

All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. One of the following hymns may be sung or said, all standing.

It is appropriate that the hymn **Glory to God** be used during the Christmas season and from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.

During Advent and Lent, it is appropriate that Kyrie Eleison or the Trisagion be used.

(1) THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(2) KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant	Lord, have mercy.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Celebrant	Christ, have mercy.
People	Christ, have mercy.
Celebrant	Lord, have mercy.
People	Lord, have mercy.

(3) TRISAGION (This hymn may be said or sung three times.)

Celebrant	Holy God,
	Holy and Mighty,
	Holy Immortal One.
People	Have mercy on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

All remain standing. The Celebrant says the Collect.

After the Collect,

People Amen.

All shall sit for the lessons.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

A first lesson, as appointed, is read. After the reading,

ReaderThe Word of the LordPeopleThanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

PSALM

A psalm, as appointed, may be said or sung.

THE SECOND LESSON

A second lesson, as appointed, ise read. After the reading,

ReaderThe Word of the LordPeopleThanks be to God.

Silence shall be kept.

GRADUAL HYMN

All Stand.

THE GOSPEL

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according toPeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel,

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Silence shall be kept.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

All stand.

Celebrant	Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All	We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
	of all that is, seen and unseen
	We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
	the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
	God from God, Light from Light,
	true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
	Through him all things were made.
	For us and for our salvation
	he came down from heaven:
	by the power of the Holy Spirit
	he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
	and was made man.
	For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
	he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
	in accordance with the Scriptures;
	he ascended into heaven
	and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
	He will come again in glory
	to judge the living and the dead,
	and his kingdom will have no end.
	We believe in the Holy Spirit,
	the Lord, the giver of life,
	who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
	With the Father and the Son
	he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.
	We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
	We believe in one noty canonic and apositic Charch. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
	We look for the resurrection of the dead,
	and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (See the forms of prayer on page 15.)

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

The people may stand or kneel. The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences.

(1)

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (*Matthew 22:37-40*)

(2)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*1 John 1:8,9*)

(3)

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (*Hebrews* 4:14,16)

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

Silence shall be kept.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done. and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us: forgive what we have been, amend what we are. and direct what we shall be. that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant	Almighty God have mercy on you,
	forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
	strengthen you in all goodness,
	and by the power of the Holy Spirit
	keep you in eternal life.
People	Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.

Then the Celebrant and e people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

All stand. The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentences.

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. (Psalm 50:14)

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8)

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 5:2*)

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:15,16)

OFFERTORY HYMN

The following sentence may be said after the celebrant has received the offerings.

All All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own do we give you.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (A) All remain standing.

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.
Celebrant	It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
	And now we give you thanks because Christ came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. He calls his faithful servants to assemble in his name nourishing them by your word and sacraments.
	Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: The Sanctus is sung by all
All	Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
Celebrant	Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:

All Our father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, in earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

CelebrantWe break this bread to share in the body of Christ.PeopleThough we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in on bread.

The following or some other appropriate anthem may be sung.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Prayerof Humble Access may be said.

All We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us, Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

AFTER COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

The people kneel.

All

Celebrant Let us pray. Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witness of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant <i>People</i>	[Alleluia.] Let us go forth in the name of Christ. <i>Thanks be to God [Alleluia.]</i>
	or
Celebrant <i>People</i>	[Alleluia.] Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God [Alleluia.]</i>
	or
Celebrant	[Alleluia.] Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People	Thanks be to God [Alleluia.]
	or
Celebrant <i>People</i>	[Alleluia.] Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God [Alleluia.]

RECESSIONAL HYMN

APPENDIX 1

A) THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

1. Prayer is offered with intercession for

the universal Church and its mission the Nation and all in authority the welfare of the world the concerns of the local community those who suffer and those in any trouble the departed

- 2. Any of the forms which follow may be used.
- 3. Adaptations or insertions suitable to the occasion may be added.
- 4. A \diamond in the margin indicates petitions which may be omitted.

FORM 1

Leader	With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."
People	For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. <i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Leader	For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Leader	For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Leader	For the leaders of our country and of all the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Leader	For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.

 \diamond Leader For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

 \diamond *People* Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

 \diamond Leader For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

 \diamond *People Lord, have mercy.*

Leader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, [especially for ____], let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for the prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

♦ Leader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

 \diamond *People* Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the absolution and remission of sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

♦ Leader Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

 \diamond *People Lord, have mercy.*

Leader In the communion of [______ and of all the] saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our Lord.

People To you, O Lord our God.

Silence The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop _____; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

☆ I ask your prayers for the departed [especially ____]. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honoured [especially ______whom we remember today]. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or thanksgiving of those present.

 \diamond I ask your prayers for _____.

 \diamond I ask your thanksgiving for _____.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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Leader	Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People	That we all may be one.
Leader	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People	That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Leader <i>People</i>	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Leader	We pray for all govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People	That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Leader <i>People</i>	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; <i>That our works may find favour in your sight</i> .
Leader	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People	That they may be delivered from their distress.
Leader People	Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Leader <i>People</i>	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; <i>May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.</i>
Leader	Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence	

The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy. *People Hear our prayer.*

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

Silence

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honour and glory.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy. *People Hear our prayer.*

☆ Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

- \diamond Leader Lord, in your mercy.
- \diamond People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For _____our Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

☆ Leader For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

 \diamond *People* Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

- ☆ Leader For those do not yet believe, and those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.
- \diamond *People* Lord, have mercy.
 - Leader For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For those in positions of public trust [especially ____], that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

- ☆ Leader For all who live and work in this community [especially _____], we pray to you, O Lord.
- \diamond People Lord, have mercy.

☆ Leader For a blessing upon all human labour, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

 \diamond *People* Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For all congregations, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

- ☆ Leader For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.
- \diamond *People* Lord, have mercy.
- ☆ Leader For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.
- \diamond *People* Lord, have mercy.
 - Leader For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbours; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

♦ Leader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

 \diamond People Lord, have mercy.

Leader Rejoicing in the fellowship of [the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, (blessed _____) and] all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader	In peace, we pray to you, Lord God	
Silence		
Leader <i>People</i>	For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for those who are alone.	
Leader <i>People</i>	For this community, the nation, and the world; <i>For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.</i>	
Leader People	For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.	
Leader <i>People</i>	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.	
Leader <i>People</i>	For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all those who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.	
Leader	For all bishops and other ministers, especially for, our Bishop;	
People	For all who serve God in his Church.	
Leader	For the special concerns of this congregation.	
Silence		
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	Hear us, Lord; <i>For your mercy is great.</i>
Leader	We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence	

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Leader	We will exalt you, O God our King;
People	And praise your Name for ever and ever.

♦ Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

	Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; <i>Who put their trust in you</i> .
Leader	We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence	

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive our sins, known or unknown, things done and left undone; and also uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect:

- Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
- People Amen.

B) THE CONCLUDING COLLECTS

(1)

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(2)

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(3)

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(4)

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(5)

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

(6)

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you": Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

(7)

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

(8)

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.