

THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

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THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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## The Purpose of this Book

The purpose of this book is two-fold. Firstly, it can be used as a book on the ambo or pulpit to sing the actual intentions out of, and also, another copy can be used as a book for the celebrant, possibly held by a server, for the priest to use the accompanying prayers before and after the intentions, and to follow along. Included in this book are:

- 1) The different formularies found in *Appendix V* on pp. 1461 of the Roman Missal, all set to the music and ready to sing.
- 2) The various tones for singing both the petitions, and for the concluding oration by the celebrant prepared for singing, in both the simple and solemn tones

## The Universal Prayer

In the *Universal Prayer* or *Prayer of the Faithful*, the people respond in some sense to the Word of God which they have received in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal Priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all. It is desirable that there usually be such a form of prayer in Masses celebrated with the people, so that petitions may be offered for holy Church, for those who govern with authority over us, for those weighed down by various needs, for all humanity, and for the salvation of the whole world.

The series of intentions is usually to be:

- a) for the needs of the Church;
- b) for public authorities and the salvation of the whole world;
- c) for those burdened by any kind of difficulty;
- d) for the local community.

Nevertheless, in any particular celebration, such as a Confirmation, a Marriage, or at a Funeral, the series of intentions may be concerned more closely with the particular occasion.

It is for the Priest Celebrant to regulate this prayer from the chair. He himself begins it with a brief introduction, by which he calls upon the faithful to pray, and likewise he concludes it with an oration. The intentions announced should be sober, be composed with a wise liberty and in few words, and they should be expressive of the prayer of the entire community.

They are announced from the ambo or from another suitable place, by the Deacon or by a cantor, a reader, or one of the lay faithful.

The people, for their part, stand and give expression to their prayer either by an invocation said in common after each intention or by praying in silence.

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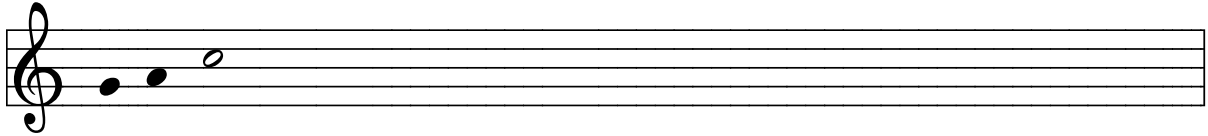
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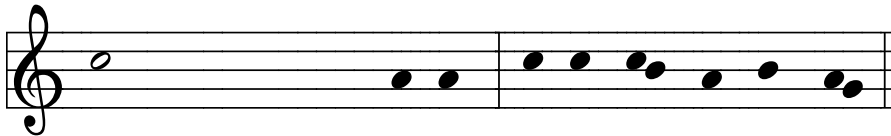
## Priest's Introduction

To God the Father almighty,  
dear brothers and sisters,  
may every prayer of our heart be directed,  
for his will it is that all humanity should be saved  
and come to the knowledge of the truth.

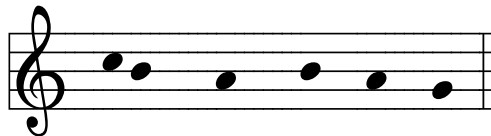
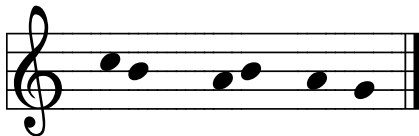
## Intentions



1. *For the* holy Church of God, that the Lord may graciously watch



over her and care **for her**, let us pray to the Lord.

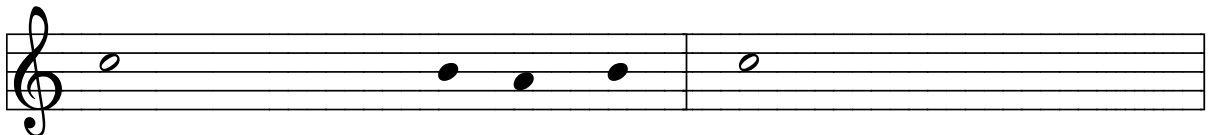


Lord, have mer-cy.    *or*    Lord, hear our pray-er

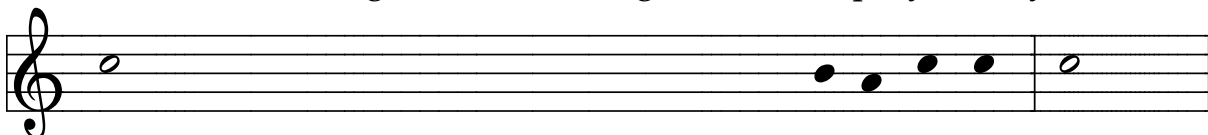
**FILL IN ALL OTHER INTENTIONS IN A SIMILAR MANNER, FULLY NOTATED OUT, THEN THE ORATION:**

## Concluding Oration

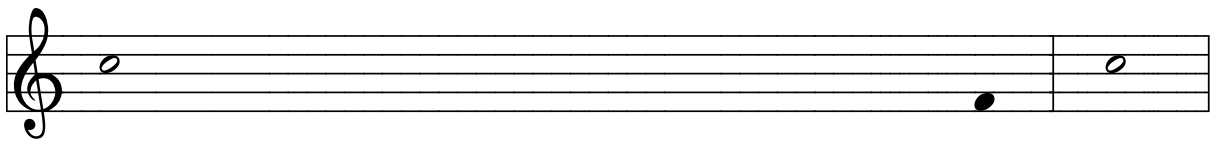
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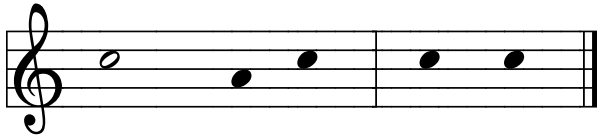
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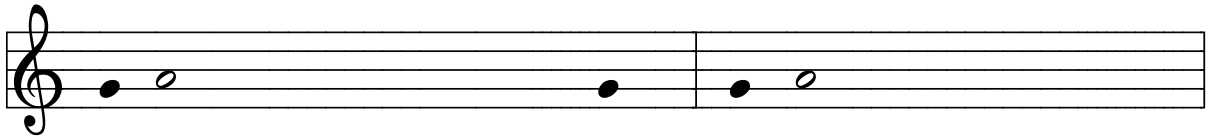


we pray, that what we ask in faith we may truly obtain. Through

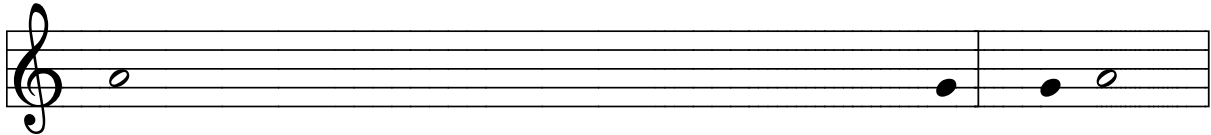


Christ our Lord. A - men.

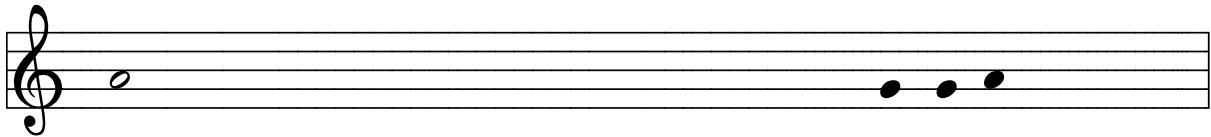
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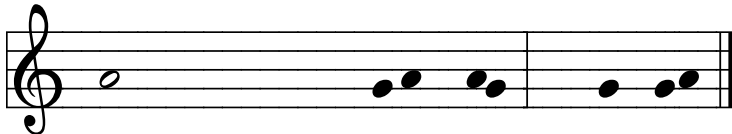
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**2. General Formula II**

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