

# A suggested form for BCP lay-led Intercessions

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*When the celebrant asks a Layreader to lead intercessions in a BCP Holy Communion or BAS Holy Eucharist (1962) service, it would be in place of the priest's prayer found on pages 75-76 of the BCP or as an alternative form for the Prayers of the People on pages 235-238 of the BAS. Other petitions may be added to the form below. The prayer for the dead is always last. The celebrant introduces and concludes the intercessions.*

**Celebrant:** e.g. **Let us pray for Christ's holy catholic church, and all God's people.**

*Intercessor:* e.g. Please respond to "Hear us Lord", by saying, "**For thy mercy is great.**"

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers. We beseech thee to inspire the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord. (*may name particular dioceses or parishes*).

Hear us Lord ...

We beseech thee to lead all nations in way of peace. Look with pity on those who bear the miseries of war (*may name specifics*). Have compassion on the wounded and the dying; comfort the broken-hearted; end the madness of the nations.

Hear us Lord ...

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen; for the leaders of the nations, especially Stephen; (other current world needs) and all who are put in authority,

Hear us Lord ...

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests and deacons, and specially to Justin, Fred, David, Ron, Percy, Stephen and Peter, our bishops; that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word and rightly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Hear us Lord ...

Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim thy Holy Gospel among the nations. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially this congregation here present; that with meek heart and due reverence we may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

Hear us Lord ...

Almighty God, of whose only gift cometh wisdom and understanding: we beseech thee to behold our universities and colleges, that knowledge may be increased among us, and all good learning abound. Bless all who teach and all who learn; and grant that in humility of heart we may ever look to thee, who art the fountain of all wisdom.

Hear us Lord ...

We humbly beseech thee to comfort all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially (*names*); and all those God has placed in our hearts this morning. PAUSE.

Hear us Lord ...

We bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee, remembering (*name the faithful departed*) and those whom we love but see no longer. PAUSE

Give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Hear us Lord ...

**Celebrant:** Conclude with "Grant this O Father ...." From the BCP page 76 or BAS page 236.