



Suggested Prayers of the Faithful For an End to the Death Penalty

That our nation will end the use of the death penalty in response to violence, and that the merciful love of God will convert the violent and heal the victims, *we pray to the Lord:*

For the ____ Family and for all who have lost loved ones through violent crimes, that they may know God's healing power and be transformed by it, *we pray to the Lord:*

That all whose lives have been taken by the State, especially ____, who was executed _____. May he be granted Eternal rest, *we pray to the Lord.*

Other prayers listed on the Catholics Mobilizing website:

Priest: Loving God, we lift up our prayers to you, trusting that you will assist us in building a culture of life.

Lector: That the Holy Spirit will guide us as we work to put an end to abortion and the destruction of innocent human life, *we pray to the Lord.*

That God, our generous and loving Father will fill us with the grace to minister to those who mistakenly believe that suicide is their only option, *we pray to the Lord.*



That, as Jesus comforted the afflicted, we may comfort those victims and their families who have been afflicted by violence and hatred, *we pray to the Lord.*

That we and all believers will have the courage to pray for God's children on death row and for their family members, *we pray to the Lord.*

That God will grant us the spirit of wisdom so that our voting will reflect the faith that we profess, *we pray to the Lord.*

For those needs and concerns which we now offer in the silence of our hearts, *we pray to the Lord.*

Priest: God of mercy and compassion, be our strength and our guide, that we may boldly proclaim that every human life is precious and created by you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.