

Mass Parts 19/52: ***Intercessions***



The General Intercessions, also known as the Prayers of the Faithful, follow the model of the Good Friday intentions. The format follows the repeating model of “For . . . that . . .” We pray *for* this group of people, *that* this will happen. How we decide what to pray for comes from what is going on in the world. The order that the intercessions follow is like an upside down triangle. They start very general and very universal and then they become more and more local. The order, in general, is to pray for the world, then the country, then our community, then particular needs in the community. They go from universal to particular. We try to keep the number of intercessions to a few, so that people don’t tire of them. We also don’t make each intercession so long and wordy that by the end we forget for what we were praying.

-Fr. Kopp

Next Week: Mass Intentions