# SMOM Ceremonial Obsequies: Suggested General Petitions - Reader

# Celebrant:

Dear friends, let us direct our common prayers to our Lord and God, through the intercession of the most holy Virgin of Philermos, of Saint John the Baptist, of Blessed Fra' Gerard, and of all the Saints.

# Reader:

For	the holy Catholic Church:
tha	t our Lord and God
ma	y confirm and protect her;
•	ether with our Holy Father,
_	oe
	h our Bishop,,
and and	l with all the bishops, clergy, and religious with the holy People of God.  The state of the Lord.
All:	Lord, hear our prayer.
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For	the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem:
tha	t our Lord may guide and lead
His	Most Eminent Highness,
Fra	,
the	Prince and Grand Master,
in t	he government of the Order;
and	l that he may have a long
and	I fruitful term of office.
Let	us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

### Reader:

# For all the chaplains of our Order. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

#### Reader:

For the flourishing of our Order, for its officers and members, and that more vocations will be given to our Order.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

### Reader:

For those members of the Order and their families who are sick; and for the families of all members of the Order. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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# For the soul of your servant

whom you have called out of this world, and for all the deceased members of the Order: that, accompanied by the angels, our patron Saint John the Baptist may lead them into everlasting life to receive the reward of their service. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Almighty Father, penetrate our hearts with the strength of your spirit and the hearts of all people with the noble spirit of Christian knighthood, that we, with courage and firmness, may be ready to stand up for justice and truth, to care for the infirm, and to defend those who need protection, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.