Memorial Masses for Pope Francis

When can a memorial Mass for Pope Francis be celebrated? From Monday 28 April onward, Memorial Masses for Pope Francis may be celebrated on any day except for Sundays, Solemnities, and Feasts.

What Mass should be used? "Masses for the Dead: IV. Various Prayers for the Dead. For A Pope" is most fitting. The prayers are excerpted below for your convenience.

What readings should be used? Any Readings for the Mass of the Dead may be used. One suggested set of readings are those used for his funeral Mass in Rome:

- First Reading: Acts 10, 34-43
- Psalm 22: 2-9. R:/ The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
- Second Reading Philippians 3:20-4:1
- Gospel: John 21:15-19

Are there examples of Universal Prayer intercessions? Yes. These are examples of prayers of the faithful which may be used.

Examples from the Bishops conference:

- That Pope Francis, called to the heavenly kingdom by the Lord, may rejoice forever at the banquet table of heaven. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For Pope Francis, who served the Church as Supreme Pontiff for 12 years, that he may worship God forever in the liturgy of heaven. Let us pray to the Lord.
- That the tireless efforts of Pope Francis, now called to the Lord, may bear fruit in unity, peace, and love among all men and women. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For Pope Francis, who proclaimed the joy of the Gospel, that the merciful Lord may accompany him to our heavenly homeland. Let us pray to the Lord.

Adapted examples from the Roman Missal

- That the Lord may be pleased to admit for ever to the company of the Saints his deceased servant Pope Francis, who once through Baptism received the seed of eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.
- That on the last day the Lord may raise up Pope Francis, who fed on the Body of Christ, the Bread of eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.
- That the Lord may grant Pope Francis a share in the heavenly liturgy, for he exercised the priestly office in the Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- That the Lord may grant to the souls of our brothers and sisters, friends, and benefactors the reward of their labors, let us pray to the Lord.

A

Collect

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,
grant that your departed servant Pope N.,
whom you made successor of Peter
and shepherd of your Church,
may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven
the mysteries of your grace and compassion,
which he faithfully ministered on earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

We pray, O Lord,
that through these devoted offices of supplication
you may mercifully bestow a blessed reward
on the soul of your servant Pope N.
and on us, your gifts of grace.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by the Sacrament
of our communion with you, our God,
we pray, O Lord,
that your servant Pope N.,
who served by your will on earth
as the visible foundation of your Church's unity,
may be happily admitted to your blessed flock.
Through Christ our Lord.

B

Collect

O God, who in your wondrous providence
chose your servant Pope N. to preside over your Church,
grant, we pray,
that, having served as the Vicar of your Son on earth,
he may be welcomed by him into eternal glory.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor on the offerings of your Church
as she calls on you, O Lord,
and by the power of this sacrifice
grant that, as you placed your servant Pope N.
as High Priest over your flock,
so you may set him among the number
of your chosen Priests in heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive sacred sustenance
from your charity, O Lord,
we pray that your servant Pope N.,
who was a faithful steward of your mysteries on earth,
may praise your mercy for ever in the glory of the Saints.
Through Christ our Lord.

C

Collect

O God, immortal shepherd of souls,
look on your people's prayers
and grant that your servant Pope N.,
who presided over your Church in charity,
may, with the flock entrusted to his care,
receive from your mercy
the reward of a faithful steward.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor, we pray, O Lord,
on the peaceful offering of your people,
with which we confidently commit to your mercy
the soul of your servant Pope N.,
and grant, we pray, that,
having been, in the midst of the human family,
an instrument of your charity and peace,
he may merit to delight in the same,
for ever with all your Saints.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

As we come to the table of your eternal banquet,
we humbly beg your mercy, Lord,
for the soul of your departed servant Pope N.,
that he may rejoice at last in possession of the truth
in which he faithfully confirmed your people.
Through Christ our Lord.

Masses during the time of electing a new Pope

When can a Mass during the time of electing a new Pope be celebrated? Once the Conclave begins, a Mass for the Election of the Pope can be celebrated on any day, except for Sundays, Solemnities, and Feasts.

What Masses should be used? ""Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions: 4. For the Election of a Pope or a Bishop." The preface may be that of the season, a Common Preface, or one connected to a Eucharistic Prayer. This is one of the specific occasions that Eucharistic Prayer for Use in Masses of Various Needs I may be used. The prayers of the Mass are excerpted below for your convenience.

What readings should be used? Readings from Lectionary 833-837 may be used. They are cited here for your convenience:

Reading from the Old Testament

- Isaiah 61:1–3a: the lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly.

Reading from the New Testament

- **Ephesians 4:11–16** bringing about the body's growth, building it up in love.
- **Hebrews 5:1–10** christ was acclaimed by god as high priest, in the line of melchizedek.

Responsorial psalm

- Psalm 89:4–5, 21–22, 25 and 27 *R. (2a) for ever i will sing the goodness of the lord.*

Gospel

- **John 15:9–17** i chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.
- **John 17:11b, 17–23** as you sent me into the world, so i have sent them into the world.

Are there examples of Universal Prayer intercessions? Yes. These are examples of prayers of the faithful which may be used.

Examples from the Bishops Conference

- That the Holy Spirit will inspire and strengthen the Cardinal-electors as they choose a new Holy Father to lead us. Let us pray to the Lord.
- That the College of Cardinals in its electoral process may be a worthy vehicle of God's grace guiding the Church. Let us pray to the Lord.
- That the Holy Spirit will work strongly in the next Pope who will be elected by the College of Cardinals. Let us pray to the Lord

Adapted examples from the Roman Missal

- For the College of Cardinals, that the Lord may graciously watch over them and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- That Christ may fill the College of Cardinals with spiritual gifts and graces, let us pray to the Lord.
- That Christ may guide the minds of the College of Cardinals according to his will, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the College of Cardinals, that they may be given the grace to choose wisely the man who will govern the flock of the Good Shepherd, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Election of a Pope or a Bishop

Entrance Antiphon 1 Sm 2: 35

I will raise up for myself a faithful priest,
who shall do according to my heart and mind;
I will establish a lasting house for him
and he shall walk before me all his days.

Collect

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

May your abundant kindness favor us, O Lord,
that, through the sacred offerings we reverently bring to you,
we may come to rejoice that a pastor pleasing to your majesty
presides over your holy Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Jn 15: 16

I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, says the Lord,
fruit that will last.

Prayer after Communion

As we have been renewed, O Lord,
with the supreme Sacrament of salvation,
the Body and Blood of your Only Begotten Son,
may the wondrous grace of your majesty
gladden us with the gift of a shepherd
who will instruct your people by his virtues
and imbue the minds of the faithful with the truth of the Gospel.
Through Christ our Lord.

Masses Upon the Election of a Pope

When can Mass upon the election of a Pope be celebrated? Any day after the election of the new Pope that is not a Sunday, Solemnity, of Feast.

What Mass should be used? Masses for Various Needs and Occasions; For Holy Church; For the Pope. One may also consider using a Votive Mass of St. Peter the Apostle. The prayers from the formulary "For the Pope" are excerpted below for your convenience.

What readings should be used? Any Readings from the *Common of Pastors* are appropriate. One possible suggested set of readings is:

- First Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-4
- Psalm 23: 1-3a, 4, 5, 6 R: / The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
- Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Are there examples of Universal Prayer intercessions? Yes. These are examples of prayers of the faithful which may be used.

Options from the Bishops conference:

- For our new Holy Father, Pope N., that he may be strengthened as he embarks on his ministry of unity, love, and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.
- That our recently elected Holy Father, N., working together with the bishops of the Church, may build up the Body of Christ in peace and in joy. Let us pray to the Lord.
- That our newly elected Holy Father, Pope N., may be a champion of the poor, a reconciler of nations, and a force for peace and unity in our world. Let us pray to the Lord.

Adapted options from the Roman Missal

- For Pope N. that as witnesses to Christ's love before all he may abide in the truth, let us pray to the Lord.
- For Pope N., that he may bear witness with great confidence to the Resurrection of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- For Pope N., that with the Lord's help he may faithfully keep to his resolve, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Pope

Entrance Antiphon Mt 16: 18-19

You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.
To you I will give the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Collect

O God, who in your providential design
willed that your Church be built
upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles,
look with favor, we pray, on N. our Pope
and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor,
may be for your people a visible source and foundation
of unity in faith and of communion.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Or:

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant N.,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Or:

O God, who chose your servant N.
in succession to the Apostle Peter
as shepherd of the whole flock,
look favorably on the supplications of your people
and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth,
he may confirm his brethren
and that the whole Church may be in communion with him
in the bond of unity, love and peace,
so that in you, the shepherd of souls,
all may know the truth and attain life eternal.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, we pray, O Lord,
with the offerings presented here
and govern with unfailing protection your holy Church,
together with N. our Pope,
whom you have chosen to be her shepherd.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Jn 21: 15, 17

Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?
Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.

Prayer after Communion

Having been made sharers at the heavenly table,
we humbly entreat you, Lord:
by the power of this mystery,
strengthen your Church in unity and charity
and, as you have entrusted your servant N. with the office of shepherd,
grant him always salvation and protection,
together with the flock entrusted to his care.
Through Christ our Lord.