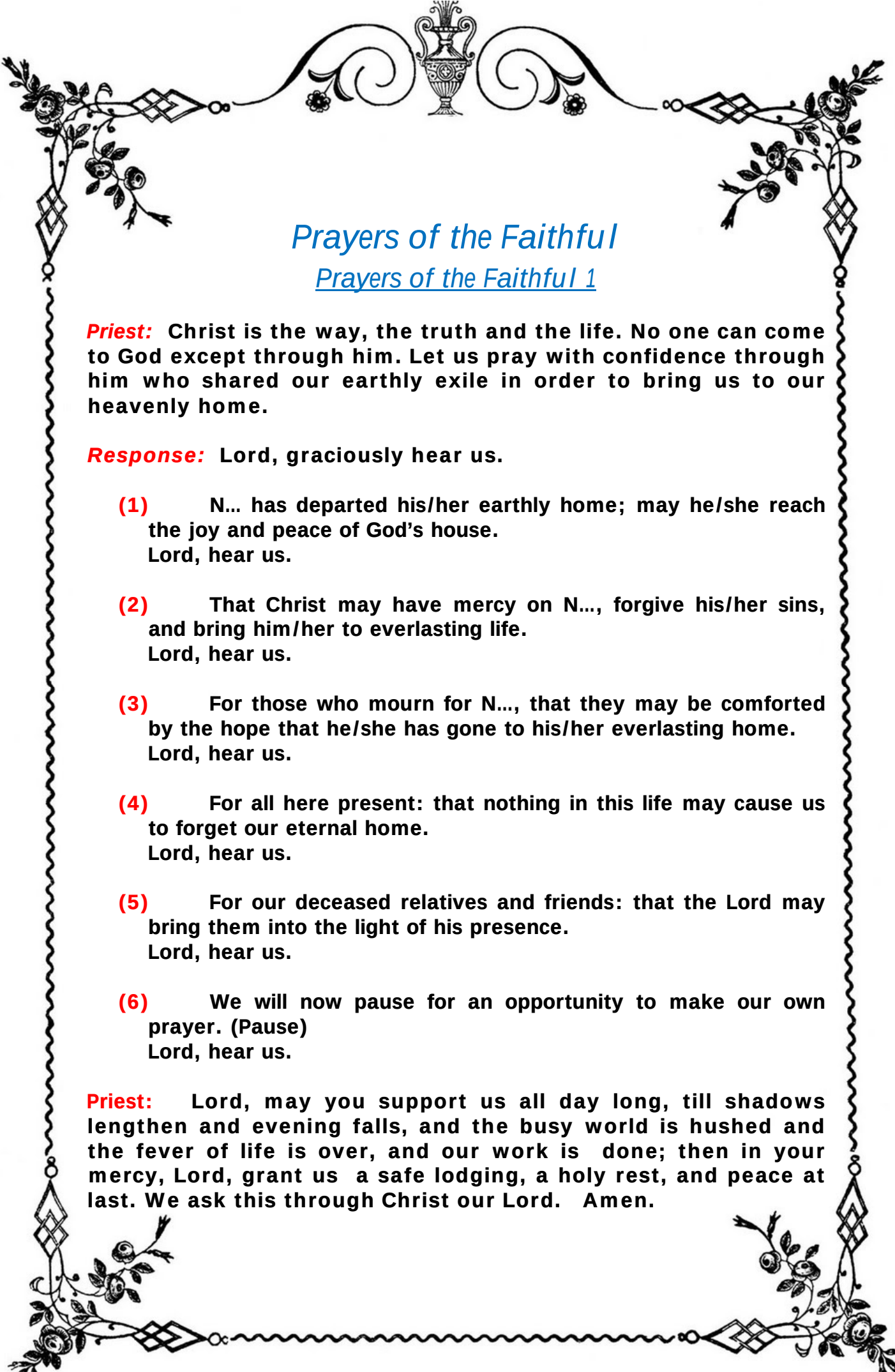




Prayers of the Faithful

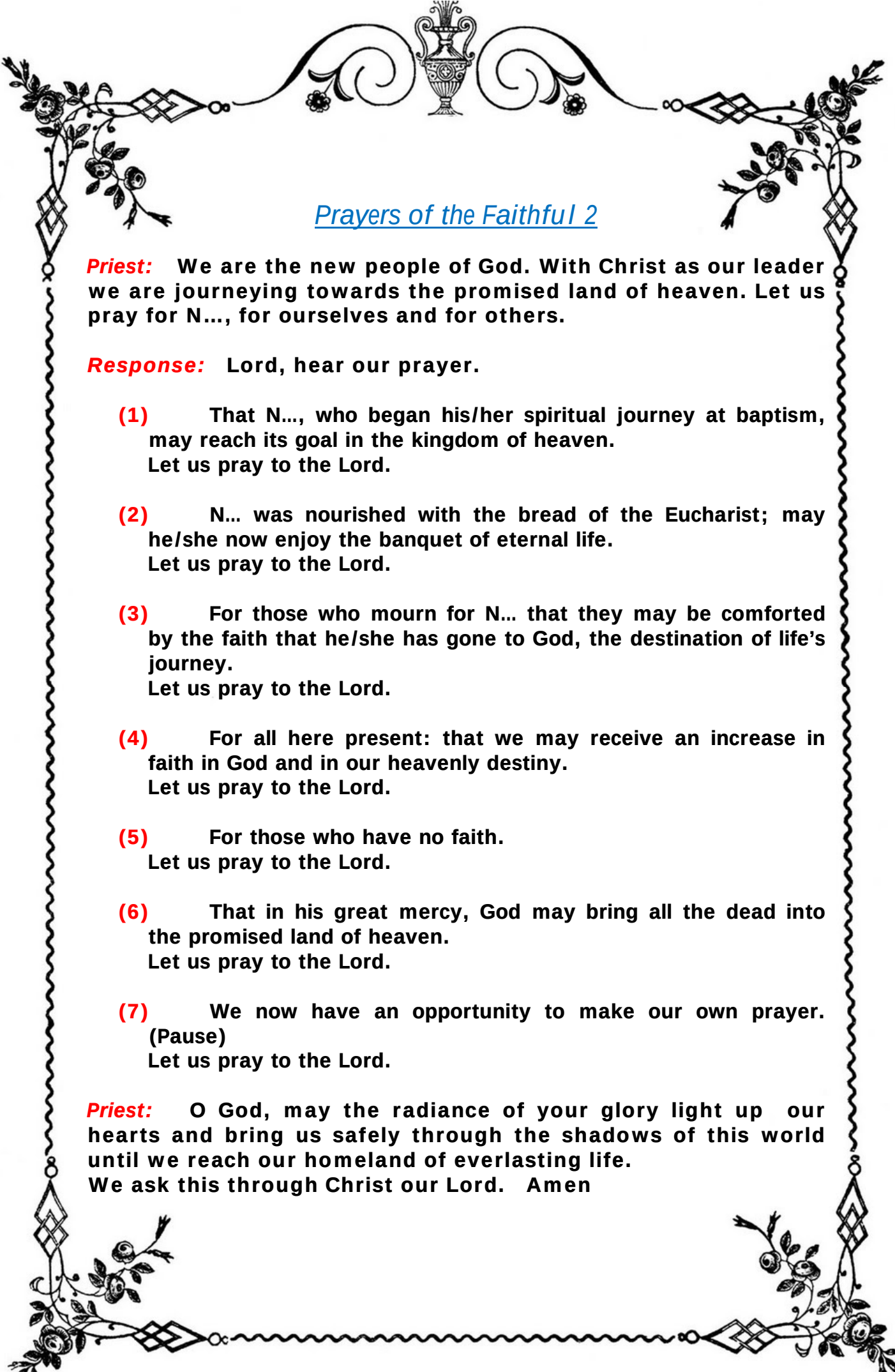
Prayers of the Faithful 1

Priest: Christ is the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to God except through him. Let us pray with confidence through him who shared our earthly exile in order to bring us to our heavenly home.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

- (1) N... has departed his/her earthly home; may he/she reach the joy and peace of God's house.
Lord, hear us.
- (2) That Christ may have mercy on N..., forgive his/her sins, and bring him/her to everlasting life.
Lord, hear us.
- (3) For those who mourn for N..., that they may be comforted by the hope that he/she has gone to his/her everlasting home.
Lord, hear us.
- (4) For all here present: that nothing in this life may cause us to forget our eternal home.
Lord, hear us.
- (5) For our deceased relatives and friends: that the Lord may bring them into the light of his presence.
Lord, hear us.
- (6) We will now pause for an opportunity to make our own prayer. (Pause)
Lord, hear us.

Priest: Lord, may you support us all day long, till shadows lengthen and evening falls, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, and our work is done; then in your mercy, Lord, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



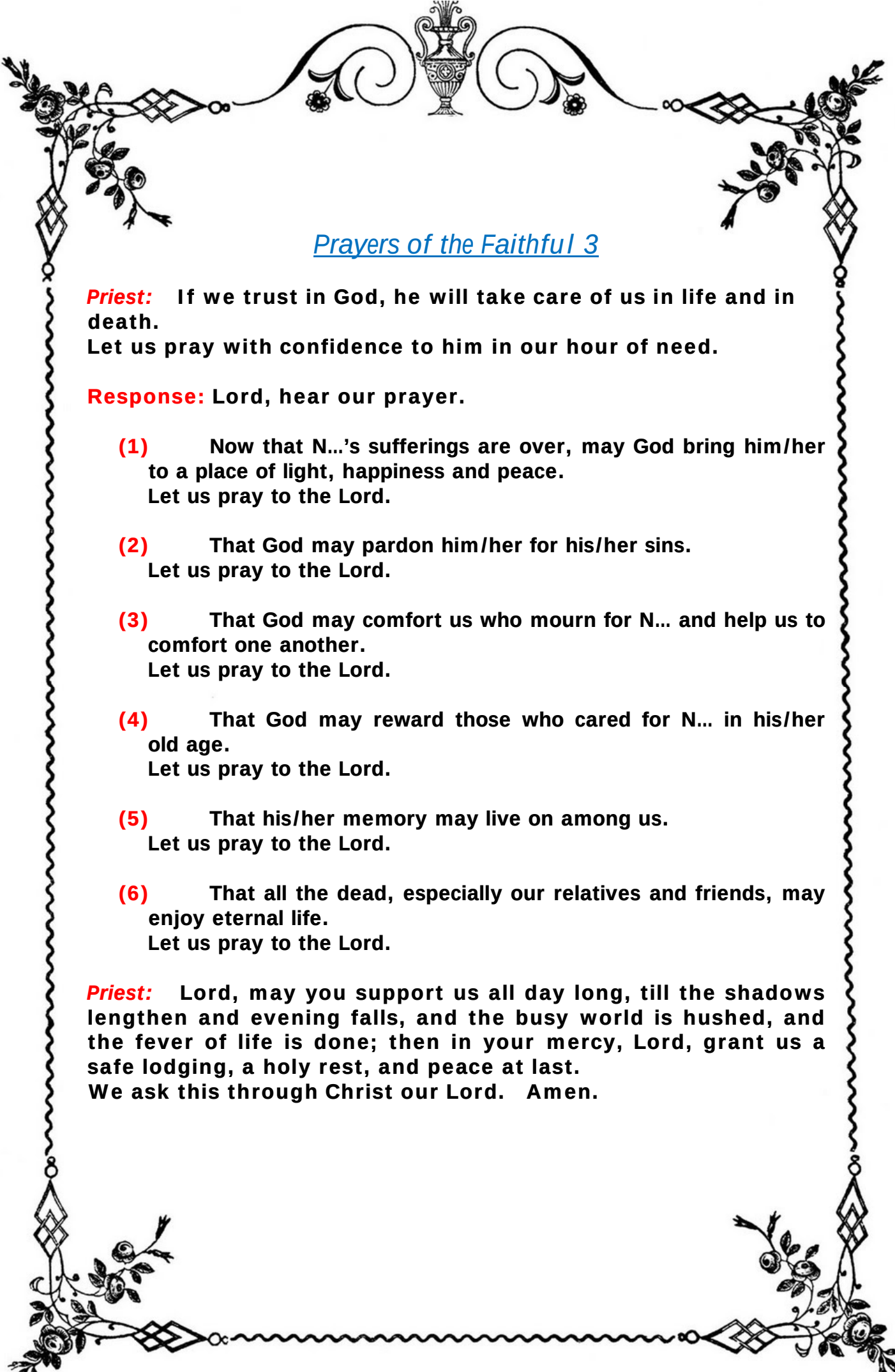
Prayers of the Faithful 2

Priest: We are the new people of God. With Christ as our leader we are journeying towards the promised land of heaven. Let us pray for N..., for ourselves and for others.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

- (1) That N..., who began his/her spiritual journey at baptism, may reach its goal in the kingdom of heaven.
Let us pray to the Lord.
- (2) N... was nourished with the bread of the Eucharist; may he/she now enjoy the banquet of eternal life.
Let us pray to the Lord.
- (3) For those who mourn for N... that they may be comforted by the faith that he/she has gone to God, the destination of life's journey.
Let us pray to the Lord.
- (4) For all here present: that we may receive an increase in faith in God and in our heavenly destiny.
Let us pray to the Lord.
- (5) For those who have no faith.
Let us pray to the Lord.
- (6) That in his great mercy, God may bring all the dead into the promised land of heaven.
Let us pray to the Lord.
- (7) We now have an opportunity to make our own prayer.
(Pause)
Let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: O God, may the radiance of your glory light up our hearts and bring us safely through the shadows of this world until we reach our homeland of everlasting life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Prayers of the Faithful 3

Priest: If we trust in God, he will take care of us in life and in death.

Let us pray with confidence to him in our hour of need.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

(1) Now that N...’s sufferings are over, may God bring him/her to a place of light, happiness and peace.
Let us pray to the Lord.

(2) That God may pardon him/her for his/her sins.
Let us pray to the Lord.

(3) That God may comfort us who mourn for N... and help us to comfort one another.
Let us pray to the Lord.

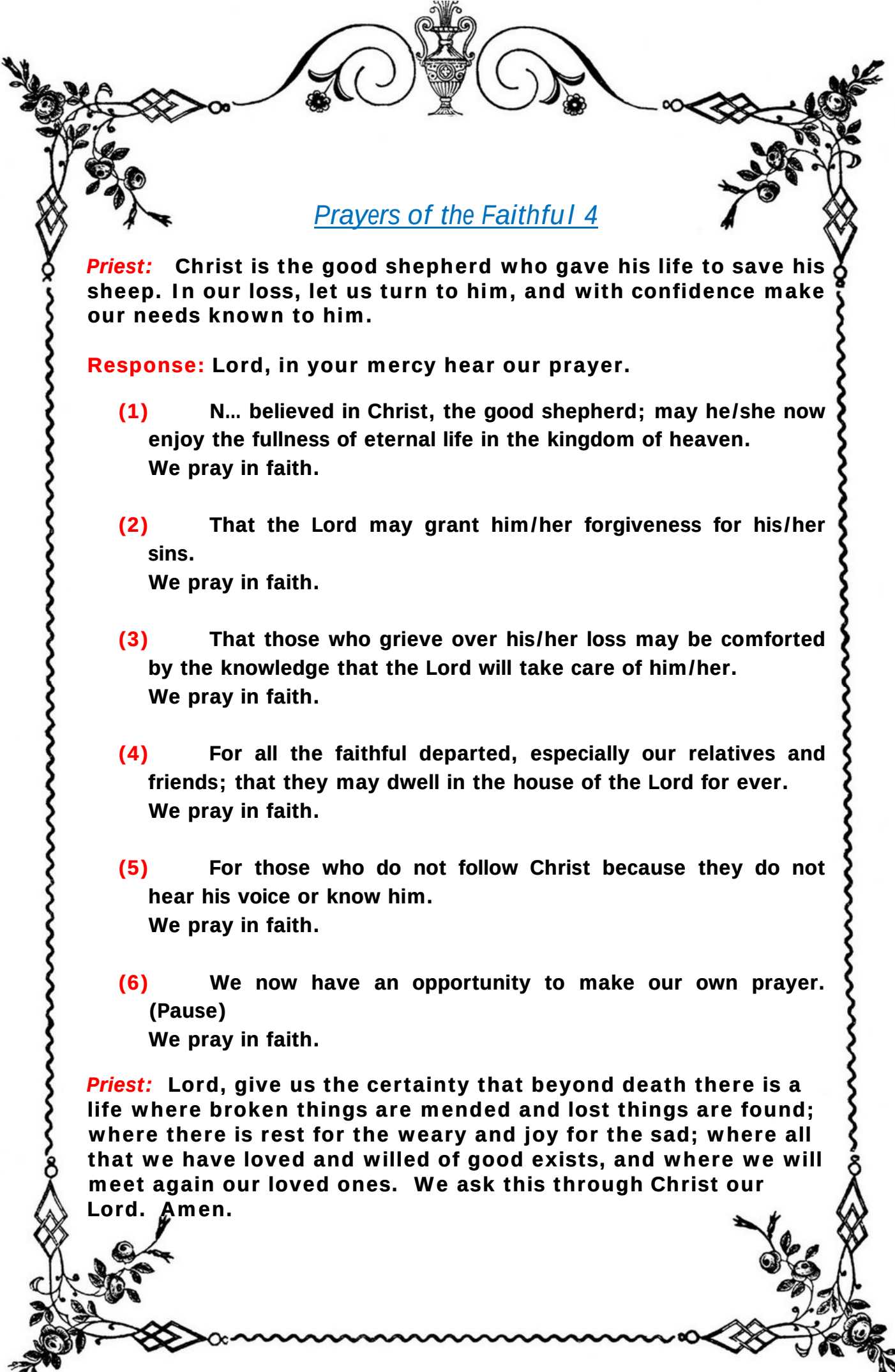
(4) That God may reward those who cared for N... in his/her old age.
Let us pray to the Lord.

(5) That his/her memory may live on among us.
Let us pray to the Lord.

(6) That all the dead, especially our relatives and friends, may enjoy eternal life.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: Lord, may you support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and evening falls, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is done; then in your mercy, Lord, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



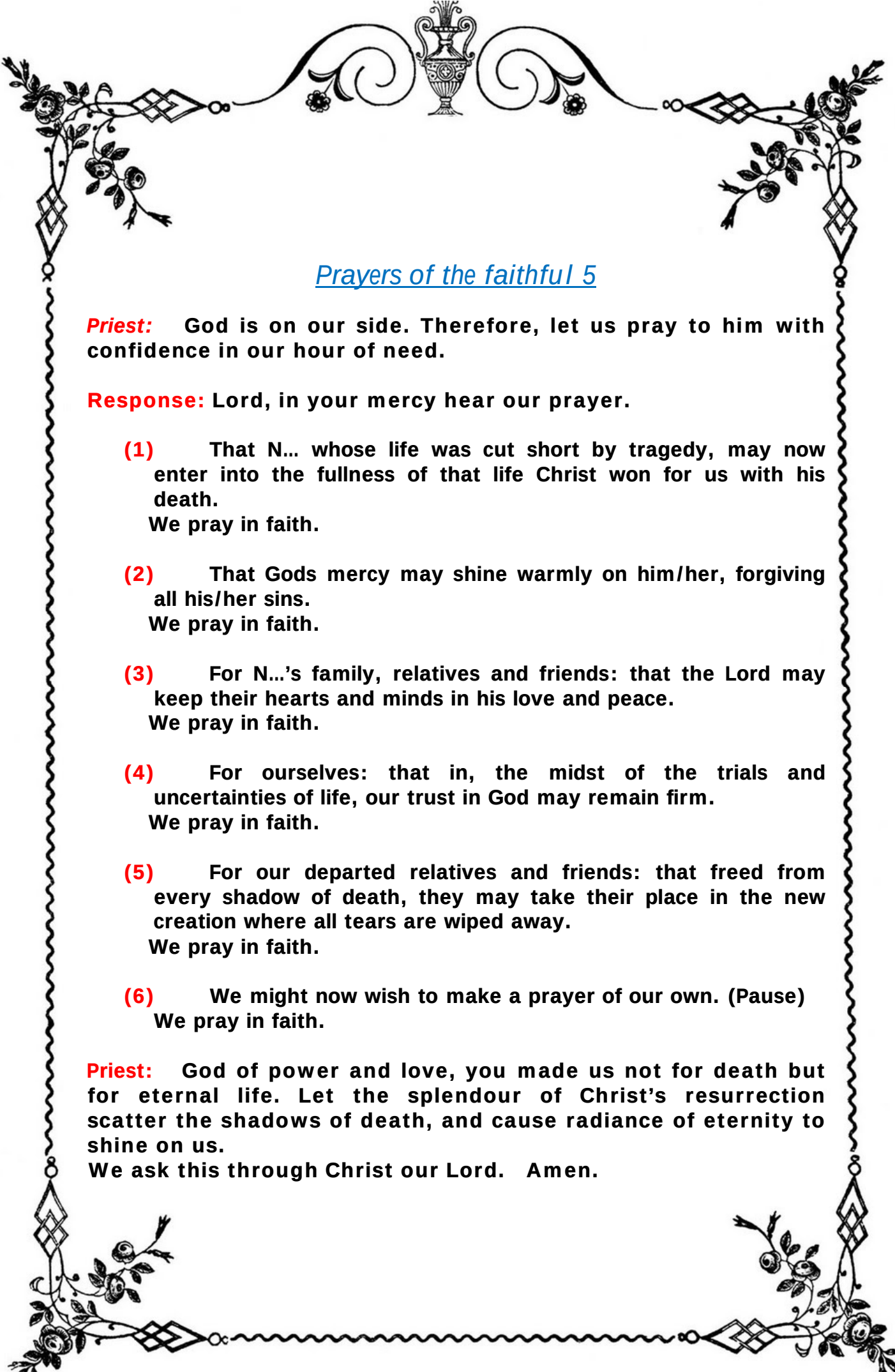
Prayers of the Faithful 4

Priest: Christ is the good shepherd who gave his life to save his sheep. In our loss, let us turn to him, and with confidence make our needs known to him.

Response: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

- (1) N... believed in Christ, the good shepherd; may he/she now enjoy the fullness of eternal life in the kingdom of heaven.
We pray in faith.
- (2) That the Lord may grant him/her forgiveness for his/her sins.
We pray in faith.
- (3) That those who grieve over his/her loss may be comforted by the knowledge that the Lord will take care of him/her.
We pray in faith.
- (4) For all the faithful departed, especially our relatives and friends; that they may dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
We pray in faith.
- (5) For those who do not follow Christ because they do not hear his voice or know him.
We pray in faith.
- (6) We now have an opportunity to make our own prayer.
(Pause)
We pray in faith.

Priest: Lord, give us the certainty that beyond death there is a life where broken things are mended and lost things are found; where there is rest for the weary and joy for the sad; where all that we have loved and willed of good exists, and where we will meet again our loved ones. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayers of the faithful 5

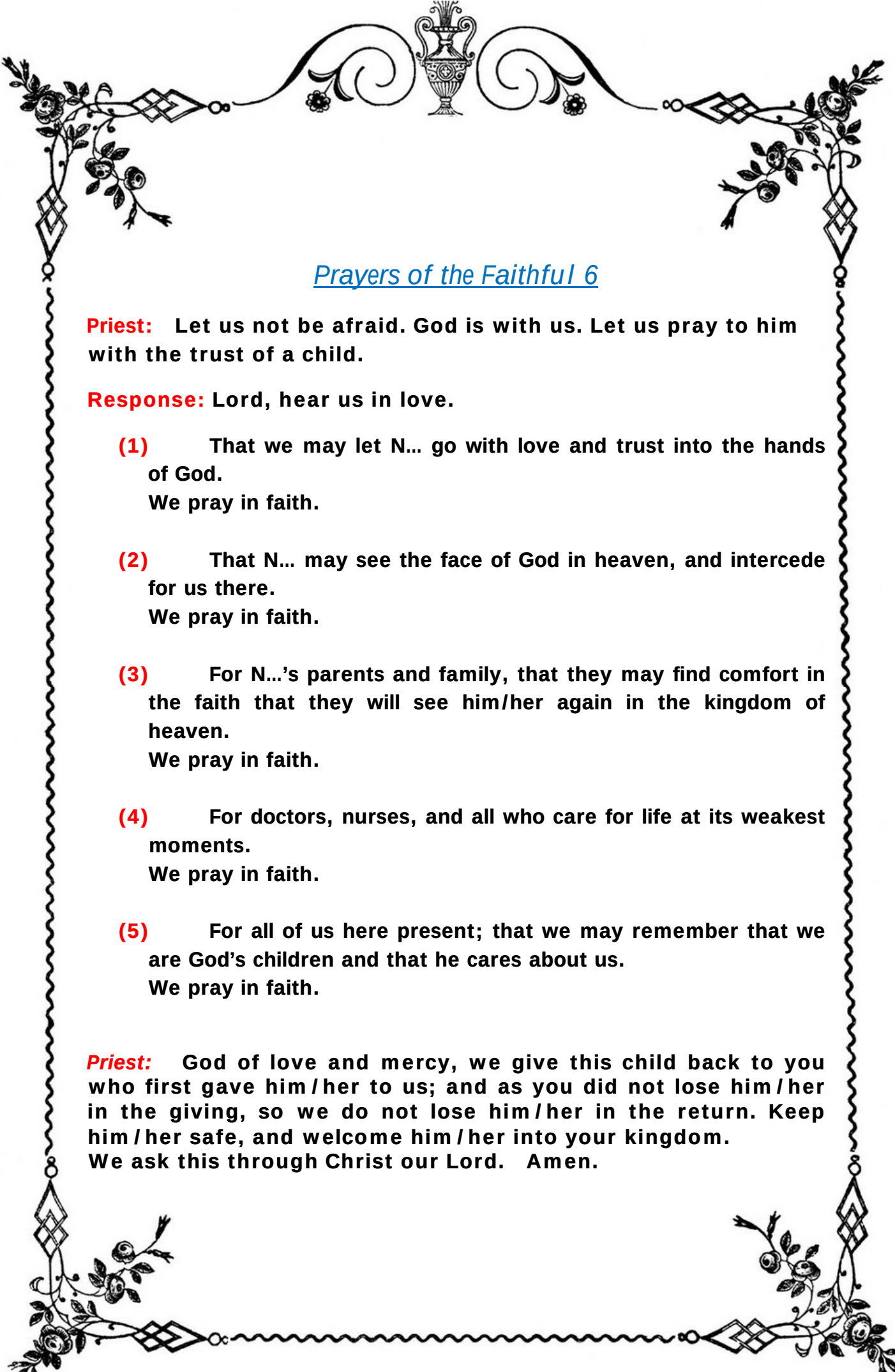
Priest: God is on our side. Therefore, let us pray to him with confidence in our hour of need.

Response: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

- (1) That N... whose life was cut short by tragedy, may now enter into the fullness of that life Christ won for us with his death.
We pray in faith.
- (2) That Gods mercy may shine warmly on him/her, forgiving all his/her sins.
We pray in faith.
- (3) For N...’s family, relatives and friends: that the Lord may keep their hearts and minds in his love and peace.
We pray in faith.
- (4) For ourselves: that in, the midst of the trials and uncertainties of life, our trust in God may remain firm.
We pray in faith.
- (5) For our departed relatives and friends: that freed from every shadow of death, they may take their place in the new creation where all tears are wiped away.
We pray in faith.
- (6) We might now wish to make a prayer of our own. (Pause)
We pray in faith.

Priest: God of power and love, you made us not for death but for eternal life. Let the splendour of Christ’s resurrection scatter the shadows of death, and cause radiance of eternity to shine on us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



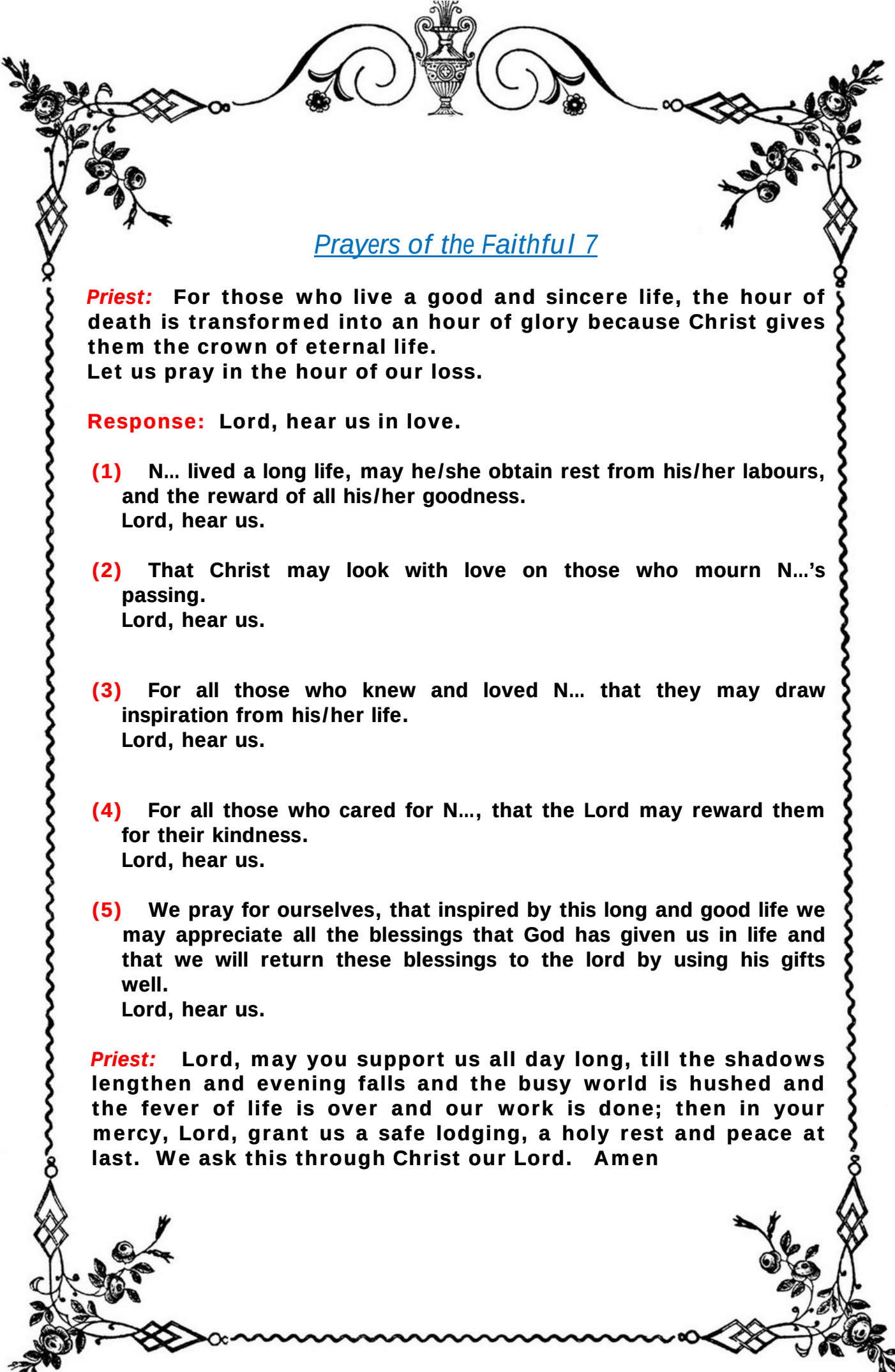
Prayers of the Faithful 6

Priest: Let us not be afraid. God is with us. Let us pray to him with the trust of a child.

Response: Lord, hear us in love.

- (1) That we may let N... go with love and trust into the hands of God.
We pray in faith.
- (2) That N... may see the face of God in heaven, and intercede for us there.
We pray in faith.
- (3) For N...'s parents and family, that they may find comfort in the faith that they will see him/her again in the kingdom of heaven.
We pray in faith.
- (4) For doctors, nurses, and all who care for life at its weakest moments.
We pray in faith.
- (5) For all of us here present; that we may remember that we are God's children and that he cares about us.
We pray in faith.

Priest: God of love and mercy, we give this child back to you who first gave him/her to us; and as you did not lose him/her in the giving, so we do not lose him/her in the return. Keep him/her safe, and welcome him/her into your kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayers of the Faithful 7

Priest: For those who live a good and sincere life, the hour of death is transformed into an hour of glory because Christ gives them the crown of eternal life.
Let us pray in the hour of our loss.

Response: Lord, hear us in love.

- (1) N... lived a long life, may he/she obtain rest from his/her labours, and the reward of all his/her goodness.
Lord, hear us.
- (2) That Christ may look with love on those who mourn N...’s passing.
Lord, hear us.
- (3) For all those who knew and loved N... that they may draw inspiration from his/her life.
Lord, hear us.
- (4) For all those who cared for N..., that the Lord may reward them for their kindness.
Lord, hear us.
- (5) We pray for ourselves, that inspired by this long and good life we may appreciate all the blessings that God has given us in life and that we will return these blessings to the lord by using his gifts well.
Lord, hear us.

Priest: Lord, may you support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and evening falls and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done; then in your mercy, Lord, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at last. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen