



Prayer for the Dead

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

My brothers and sisters, we gather in faith as God's People so that, through our union with one another in Christ, our departed members may be helped by our prayers and the living may be consoled by hope.

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us.

Our Father....

God, our creator and redeemer,
by your power Christ conquered death
and returned to you in glory.
May all your people who have gone before us in faith
share his victory
and enjoy the vision of your glory for ever,
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Remember, Lord, those who have died
and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith,
Especially those for whom we now pray.

(In silence let us remember our dead)

May these and all who sleep in Christ
find your presence light, happiness and peace
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ST JOHN'S GOSPEL 11:17-27

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Short Reflection / Homily

PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray for our dead,
for those buried in our cemetery,
for those who were close and dear to us
and for all the faithful departed.

For those buried in the cemetery

Lord Jesus Christ,
the three days you lay in the tomb,
you made holy the graves of all who believe in you;
and even though their bodies are laid in the earth
they know that they will rise again as you did.
Give the bodies of our brothers and sisters
peaceful rest in these graves,
until the day when you,
who are the resurrection and the life,
will raise them up in glory.
Then may they rejoice in your presence,
Lord Jesus, in the kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

Amen.

For our Parents

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living Father,
you lived subject to Mary and Joseph,
give our parents the reward of their labours
in the happiness of your home in heaven.
We ask this in faith.
Lord in your mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our relatives

Jesus, victorious King, through your cross and resurrection
you won immortal life;
grant to our relatives
the joys of your kingdom.
We ask this in faith.

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Lord in your mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For Priests

Lord Jesus Christ, eternal priest,
by your death you robbed our death of its punishment,
hear our prayers for all departed priests;
forgive them wherever in their pastoral care they have failed;
may we worthily fulfil what they taught us
and grant that, at our passing from this world,
we may share their joy.
We ask this in faith.
Lord in your mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the dead

Risen Christ, because of your infinite love,
you were obedient even unto death on a cross,
bring to life all who are sleeping in peace.
Keep all the dead in your care;
those we have loved, those who died young,
and those no one remembers.
We ask this in faith.
Lord in your mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For parents whose children died when young

God of mercy and love,
you called our children to yourself
at the draw of their lives.
By baptism you made them your children
and we believe that they are already in your kingdom.
Let us one day share eternal life with them.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For parents of children who died before baptism

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Father of all consolation,
from whom nothing is hidden,
you know the faith of parents
who mourn the death of their children.
May they find comfort in knowing
that their children are in your loving care.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May the most compassionate Virgin Mary,
loving consoler of all who mourn,
commend her Son, the souls of our dead,
so that through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God,
they may joyfully enter the home in heaven
which they longed for
and live for ever and ever.

Amen.

Hail Mary.....

Eternal rest grant unto them, o Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Bow you heads and pray for God's blessing.

In his great love,
the God of all consolation gave man the gift of life.
May he bless you with faith
in the resurrection of his Son,
and with the hope of rising to new life.

Amen.

To us who are alive

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may he grant forgiveness,
and to all who have died
a place of light and peace.

Amen.

As you believe that Jesus rose from the dead,
so may you live with him forever in joy.

Amen.

May almighty God bless you,
The Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in pace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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