

PRAYERS AT THE TIME OF BURIAL

We read in sacred Scripture:

Come, you who are blessed by my Father, says the Lord inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. **Matthew 25:34**

Let Us Pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies.

Grant that our brother (sister) may sleep here in peace until you awaken him (her) to glory, for you are the resurrection and the life. Then he (she) will see you face to face and in your light will see light and know the splendor of God, for you live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Because almighty God has chosen to call our brother (sister) N. from this life to himself, we commit his (her) body to the earth for we are dust and unto dust we shall return.

But the Lord Jesus Christ will change our mortal bodies and makes them like his own in glory, for he is risen, the firstborn from the dead.

So let us commend N. to the Lord, that the Lord may embrace him in peace and raise up his(her) body on the last day.

With longing for the coming of the kingdom, let us pray in the words that Jesus gave us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Almighty God, through the Death of your Son on the Cross you destroyed our death;
Through his rest in the tomb you made holy the graves of all who believe in you;
And through his rising you restored us to eternal life.

God of the living and the dead, accept our prayers for those who have died in Christ and are buried with Christ in the hope of rising again.

Since they were true to your name on earth, let them praise you forever in the joy of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R.Amen.

Merciful Lord, you know the anguish of the sorrowful, to be attentive to the prayers of the humble.

Hear your people who cry out to you in their need, and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

R.Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto him (her), O Lord.

R.And let perpetual light shine upon him(her).

May he (she) rest in peace.

R.Amen.

May his (her) soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R.Amen.