Prayers for the Family

The following prayers are for you and your family to pray for your loved one and to bring you comfort.

Father of all mercies and God of all consolation,  
you pursue us with untiring love  
and dispel the shadow of death  
with the bright dawn of life.  
Give courage to our family in our loss and sorrow.  
Be our refuge and strength, O Lord,  
reassure us of your continuing love  
and lift us from the depths of grief  
into the peace and light of your presence.  
Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by dying has destroyed our death,  
and by rising, restored our life.  
Your Holy Spirit, our comforter,  
speaks for us in groans too deep for words.  
Come and be with us,  
remind us of your eternal presence  
and give us your comfort and strength.  
Amen.

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(In the case of a sudden death)

God of hope and consolation,  
we come to you in shock and grief and confusion of heart.  
Help us to find peace in the knowledge  
of your loving mercy to all your children,  
Give us light to guide us out of our darkness  
into the assurance of your love,  
we ask this the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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God our Father,
Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to dust.
Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.
I pray in hope for my family,
relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to You alone.
In company with Christ,
who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever.
Amen

God our refuge and strength,
close at hand in our distress;
meet us in our sorrow and lift our eyes
to the peace and light of your constant care.
Help us so to hear your word of grace
that our fear will be dispelled by your love,
our loneliness eased by your presence
and our hope renewed by your promises
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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