

FUNERAL PLANNING PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Priest begins:

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Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his.

Reader:

- In Baptism N. _____ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. We pray.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

- Our brother/sister N. _____ was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her to the halls of the heavenly banquet. We pray.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

- For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, may they have the reward of their goodness. We pray.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

- For those who have died in the hope of rising again, may they see God face to face. We pray.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

The Priest concludes:

O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your departed servants, release from all their sins. Hear our prayers for those we love and give them the pardon they have always desired. R. Amen.

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Reader:

- For _____, a child of God, that he/she be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity. We pray.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

- For family and friends of _____, may God heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. We pray.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

- For all of us, may we live our lives in service and love, and may we always have God in our hearts. We pray.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

The Priest concludes:

Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of all gathered here in faith, love and confidence to pray for _____. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming.

R. Amen

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- For _____, a child of God and heir to the kingdom, may he/she be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity. We pray.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

- For _____'s friends, and those who cared for him/her, may they be consoled in their loss and strengthened in their love for one another. We pray.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

- For _____'s family and all who grieve over the loss of their loved ones, may they be comforted in the knowledge that they dwell with God. We pray.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

- For the entire church, may we prepare worthily for the hour of our death, when God will call us by name to pass from this world to the next. We pray.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

The Priest concludes:

Lord God, you entrusted _____ to our care and now you embrace him/her in your love. Comfort us, your sorrowing servants who seek to do your will and to know your saving peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen