

## Prayer

May the Lord support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in His love and mercy may He give N. a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at last. **Amen.**

*(Cardinal Newman)*

Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May he/she rest in peace. **Amen.**

## Prayer to our Guardian Angel

O Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. **Amen.**

## Hymn

*Family members may like to sing a favourite hymn.*

## Holy Water and Sign of the Cross

*Family members may like to sprinkle holy water on the body of their loved one and/or make the Sign of the Cross upon his/her forehead.*

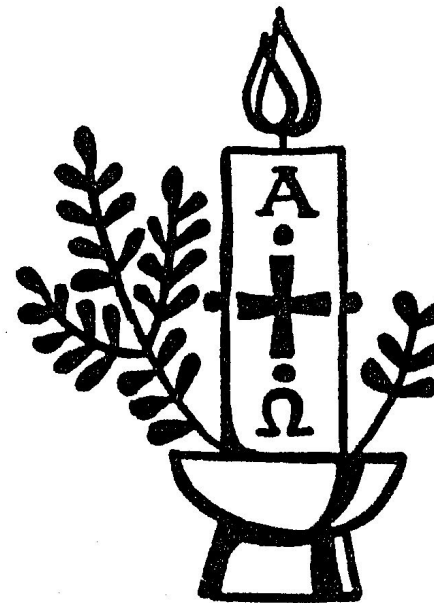
Father,  
into  
your hands  
I commit  
my spirit

*Luke 23: 46*

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# FUNERAL PRAYER CARD

## FOR FAMILIES



*Happy are those who die in the Lord.*

*Happy indeed the Spirit says;  
now they can rest forever after their work,  
since their good deeds go with them.*

*(Rev 14:13)*



You may like to use some of the following prayers while keeping vigil with your deceased loved one.

## Prayer for the Bereaved

Lord Jesus, you hold out a hand of love to so many who seek your help. Take hold of our hands this day and see us through this time of sorrow and loss. Renew our faith in your healing touch and help us to place our trust in your gentle care. In the days that lie ahead, keep us close to you, that we may find comfort and peace in the nearness of your unfailing love. We pray for N. and commend him/her to God's love and compassion. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

## Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-15

We want you to be quite certain, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus; God will bring them with Him.



God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will give new life to our own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in us.

## Psalm 23: The Lord is my Shepherd

1. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit.
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort.
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil, my cup is overflowing.
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever.

## Gospel

John 11: 21-27

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the One coming into the world."

## Prayers

N. died with Christ in Baptism. May he/she now share the fullness of the Risen Lord. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray that N.'s family may find comfort through faith in Christ and support in the community. **Lord, hear us.**

May we live our lives in the love of God's presence. May we be reunited with N. some day when God calls us. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for all who care for the sick and dying, (especially those who cared for N. during his/her illness). **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for all who have died, especially our relatives and friends, that they may enjoy eternal life in heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

## Decade of the Rosary

One or all five decades may be prayed. If praying all five, various family members, friends or neighbours could be invited to lead a decade by announcing the mystery [for example, *The Agony in the Garden*], followed by the praying of the *Our Father*, ten *Hail Marys* and a *Glory Be*.

### Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden  
The Scourging at the Pillar  
The Crowning with Thorns  
The Carrying of the Cross  
The Crucifixion

### Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection  
The Ascension  
The Descent of the Holy Spirit  
The Assumption of Our Lady  
The Coronation of Mary

## Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.