



Prayer Service



This prayer service could be held in a classroom, school hall or a prayer room. Due to the evolving situation regarding COVID-19, it may not be possible to conduct a prayer service in significant numbers.

PRAYER SPACE ITEMS

- A Remembrance Tree/book/box.
- Completed leaf templates (Junior Activity Page)
- A green table cloth
- A candle
- Holy water
- Crucifix

Leader: Good morning, everyone. Today we are gathered to pray for family, friends, relations and neighbours who have died. We also pray for those who have no one to pray for them. We remember them especially during the month of November as we remember Jesus' promise of eternal life in God's Kingdom. We know that God's love is greater than death, and pray that those who have died are now with God in heaven. We begin our prayer in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Song: The Clouds' Veil

Leader: Today we remember those who have passed away, and place prayer leaves with their names or their pictures and hang them on our Remembrance Tree. (Alternatively, these could be in a remembrance box or written in a book of remembrance.) Jesus teaches us that God's love is greater than death. We now listen to God's Word.

Reader 1: A reading from the first Letter of St John (1 Jn 4:7-12).

Let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

The Word of the Lord.

Leader: Together, we pray for those who have died. The response to each prayer is 'May the light of Christ shine on them'.

All: May the light of Christ shine on them.

Reader 2: For all grandparents who have died. (Response)

Reader 3: For all parents who have died. (Response)

Reader 4: For all past teachers and staff of this school who have died. (Response)

Reader 5: For all those who have died during the past year. (Response)

Reader 6: For those who have died and have no one to remember them. (Response)





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Reader 7: For all those whose names are included on our Remembrance Tree. (Response)

Leader: We know that Jesus prayed constantly to his Father in heaven. He asked us to pray to God the Father too. And so, as Jesus asked us we dare to say:

All: Our Father ... / Ár ...

Leader: Loving God, we thank you for the lives of our loved ones who have died. We ask you to care for those who are missing them at this time. May we always remember your promise that one day we will all be together in heaven. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Reader 8: 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 mercy, may he give us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last.

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Closing Song: There is a Place

