

PRAYERS FOR THE DYING

INSTRUCTION: One or more of the following short texts may be recited with the dying person. If necessary, they may be softly repeated two or three times.

Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
We have an everlasting home in heaven.
We shall be with the Lord for ever.
We shall see God as He really is.
We have passed from death to life because we love each other.
To you, Lord, I lift up my soul.
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
My soul thirsts for the living God.
Everyone who believes in the Son has eternal life.

INSTRUCTION: The word of God is proclaimed by one of those present or by the minister. Please choose one of the following readings.

Job 19:23-27

Psalms 25

Psalms 121

Revelation 21:1-5a, 6-7

Luke 22:39-46

Luke 24:1-8

John 14:1-6, 23, 27

Psalms 23

Psalms 91

1 John 4:16

Matthew 25:1-13

Luke 23:44-49

John 6:37-40

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

INSTRUCTION: When the condition of the dying person calls for the use of brief forms of prayer, those who are present are encouraged to pray the Litany of the Saints – or at least some of its invocations – for him or her. Special mention may be made of the patron saints of the dying person, of the family, and of the parish.

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
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Hail Mary, Mother of God
Holy angels of God
Abraham, our leader in faith
David, leader of God's people
Saint John the Baptist
Saint Joseph
Saint Peter and Saint Paul
Saint Andrew
Saint John
Saint Mary Magdalene
Saint Stephen
Saint Ignatius
Saint Lawrence
Saint Agnes
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity
Saint Agnes
Saint Gregory
Saint Augustine
Saint Basil
Saint Martin

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Lord, be merciful
From all evil
From every sin
At the moment of death
From everlasting death
By your suffering and cross
By your gift of the Holy Spirit

Lord, save your people
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PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

INSTRUCTION: When the moment of death seems near, some of the following prayers may be said:

- A. Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of God the almighty Father, who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for you, in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you, go forth, faithful Christian.

May you live in peace this day, may your home be with God, with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with Joseph, and all the angels and saints.

- B. I commend you, my dear brother/sister, to almighty God, and Entrust you to your Creator. May you return to him who formed you from the dust of the earth. May holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints come to meet you as you go forth from this life. May Christ who was crucified for you bring you freedom and peace. May Christ who died for you admit you into his garden of paradise. May Christ, the true Shepherd, acknowledge you as one of his flock. May you see the Redeemer face to face, and enjoy the vision of God for ever.

- C. Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, we pray for your servant, N, and commend him/her to your mercy. For his/her sake you came down from heaven; receive him/her now into the joy of your kingdom.

- D. Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, the children of Eve; to you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this land of exile. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; lead us home at last and show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus: O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

PRAYER AFTER DEATH

INSTRUCTION: When death has occurred, one or more of the following prayers may be said:

A. Saints of God, come to his/her aid! Come to meet him/her, angels of the Lord!

Response: Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God
The most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to Abraham's side. (Response)

Give him/her eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on him/her for ever. (Response)

B. Psalm 130

C. Psalm 23

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy for us you the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Show compassion to your people in their sorrow.

Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying for us, conquered death and by rising again, restored life.

May we then go forward eagerly to meet him, and after our life on earth be reunited with our brothers and sisters where every tear will be wiped away.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.