

*N*, go forth from this world:  
in the love of God the Father who created you,  
in the mercy of Jesus Christ who redeemed you,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you.  
May the heavenly host sustain you  
and the company of heaven enfold you.  
In communion with all the faithful,  
may you dwell this day in peace.  
Amen.

### **Prayer for the family**

Most merciful God,  
whose wisdom is beyond our understanding,  
surround the family of *N* with your love,  
that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss,  
but have confidence in your love,  
and strength to meet the days to come.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



Chaplaincy and  
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## Anglican and Free Church End of Life Prayers

Loving God, in your arms we are born and in your arms we die.  
In our sadness (and shock) contain and comfort us;  
Embrace each one of us with your love  
And give us grace to let *N* go to new life.  
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### **Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.  
He shall refresh my soul  
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil  
and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Romans 8. 35, 37-39**

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Any combination of the following may be used.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Nunc Dimittis (The Song of Simeon)**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:  
your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;  
A light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel. (Luke 2.29-32)

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

**Commendation**

N, go forth on your journey;  
in the joy that created you and delights in you;  
in the love that surrounds you;  
and in the peace that awaits you.  
May you go forth under the strength of heaven,  
light of sun, radiance of moon;  
May you go forth with the splendour of fire,  
speed of lightening, swiftness of wind;  
May you go forth supported by the depth of sea,  
stability of earth, firmness of rock;  
May you be surrounded and encircled,  
above, below and about,  
with the deep Love that binds us all.  
Amen.