



## Prayers for those unable to be present at the Funeral

Almighty God,  
you judge us with infinite mercy and justice  
and love everything you have made.  
In your mercy  
turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life,  
and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven;  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### ***Psalm 116. 1 - 8***

I love the Lord,  
for he has heard the voice of my supplication;  
because he inclined his ear to me  
on the day I called to him.  
The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pains of hell took hold of me;  
by grief and sorrow was I held.  
Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'  
Gracious is the Lord and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.  
The Lord watches over the simple;  
I was brought very low and he saved me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul,  
for the Lord has been gracious to you.  
For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.  
I will walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.

*Lord of life,  
we walk through eternity in your presence.  
Lord of death,  
we call to you in grief and sorrow:  
you hear us and rescue us.  
Watch over us as we mourn the death of N,  
precious in your sight,  
and keep us faithful to our vows to you. Amen.*

### **Romans 8. 38,39**

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.

### **Prayers**

God of mercy, Lord of life,  
you have made us in your image  
to reflect your truth and light:  
we give you thanks for N,  
for the grace and mercy *he/she* received from you,  
for all that was good in *his/her* life,  
for the memories we treasure today.  
[Especially we thank you for ...]

Remember, O Lord, N,  
who has gone before us with the sign of faith  
and now rests in the sleep of peace.  
According to your promises,  
grant him/her and to all who rest in Christ,  
refreshment, light and peace;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 goodness,  
and strength to meet the days to come.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **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.**