

Visit to Loved Ones Graves in November 2020

Gathering round the Grave

In the year of the Pandemic we are unable to gather in numbers with our Priests and Deacons in November to pray for loved ones.

This short service for private use by families and relatives or friends may help. If possible, take holy water with you.

Gathering round the Grave:

(Please adapt words to suit your situation). In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

My dear friends, we gather today to pray for our brothers and sisters whose bodies lie here in rest. They have passed from death to life in company with Lord Jesus, who died and rose to new life, and are purified now of their faults. We pray that God may welcome them among all the saints in heaven.

Reading of the Word of God

Reading from the holy Gospel according to John (14:1-60)

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father’s house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said, “Lord we do not know where you are going,
so how can we know the way?”

Jesus said: “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers

With Christ there is mercy and fullness of redemption; let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father.....

All-powerful God,
whose mercy is never withheld
from those who call upon you in hope,
look kindly on your servants (N. and N.),
who departed this life confessing your name,
and number them among your saints for evermore.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Compose your own prayer giving thanks for your loved ones. Then turn to Our Blessed Lady asking for her intercession

Hail Mary or a Decade of the Rosary
(The First Glorious Mystery the Resurrection)

Conclusion

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Amen

Sprinkling of Holy Water
Placing of plants or flowers