

## Prayers after Death

In this moment of sorrow the Lord is with us. He consoles us with these words: 'Blessèd are those who mourn; they shall be comforted.'

Let us be silent and make our own prayers.

### *Silence*

#### READING

*John 14.1-6,27*

Jesus said: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught his disciples, we pray:

**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.**

*One or more of the following prayers may be said, and the sign of the cross may be made on the forehead of the person who has died.*

#### PRAYER A

Father of mercies and God of all comfort,  
you embrace us with the arms of love.  
In the shadow of death your light shines on us.  
We remember before you our *sister/brother N*.  
May we, with *her/him*,  
inherit your eternal kingdom,  
and rest with you in light and peace.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PRAYER B

Give rest, O Christ,  
to your servant with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal,  
the creator and maker of all;  
and we are mortal, formed of the earth,  
and to earth we shall return.  
For so did you ordain when you created us, saying,  
'You are dust and to dust you shall return.'

All of us go down to the dust;  
yet even at the grave we make our song:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ,  
to your servant with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting. **Amen.**

## PRAYER C

God of all grace,  
we pray for one another,  
especially for . . .  
In our loss and sorrow  
be our refuge and strength,  
and enfold us in your everlasting arms;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

The peace of God  
which passes all understanding,  
keep *your/our* hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God  
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
remain with *you/us* always. **Amen.**