

Prayers with the dying

these prayers, in other Christian traditions, are known as the last rites.

This short act of worship is adapted from the Methodist Worship Book. It may be read alone, or led by anyone in person or via a media link. Where you see **N** please say the name of the person who is dying. You can also [see a video of these prayers](#).

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all. **Amen.**

Jesus said: 'Come to me, all you that are
weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.'

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
bless **N** in this time of weakness,
and comfort **N**
with the promise of eternal life,
given in the resurrection of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**As generations have done before we turn
to Scripture in our time of need.**

A reading from Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me besides still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest
valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff –

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

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

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.**

In a moment of quiet let us in silence confess
our sins to God.

Silence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbours,
in thought and word and deed,
in the bad we have done
and in the good we have not done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life;
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Christ Jesus came into the world to save us all.

To all who truly repent
this is his gracious word:
'Your sins are forgiven.'

Amen. Thanks be to God.

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.

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.**

Remember, O Lord,
those who are sick or suffer pain
and those who are close to death,
especially *N*.

Comfort us with your presence,
sustain us by your promises,
and grant us your peace;
in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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**

Go forth upon your journey, Christian soul,
in the name of God the Father
who created you;
in the name of Jesus Christ
who suffered for you;
in the name of the Holy Spirit
who sets us free;
May you rest in peace
In the love of God. **Amen.**

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep *your* 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* always. **Amen.**

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