

Prayers to remember a loved one who has died

This short act of worship is adapted from the Methodist Worship Book. It may be read alone, or led by anyone in a small group gathered together or on line. You can also [watch a video of these prayers.](#)

In this moment, Christ is with us.
Hear his words:

‘Blessèd are those who mourn; they shall be comforted.’

A time of quiet prayer.

A reading from John’s Gospel Chapter 14:

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.

John 14:1-6, 27

We say together the prayer that Jesus gave us:

**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.**

Let us Pray

Loving God, you comfort us in this moment of need. You embrace us all in your loving arms. In the shadow of death your light shines on us.

May we who are left,
inherit your eternal kingdom, with those who have died.

May we find rest in your light and peace.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

During a time of quiet reflection, you are invited to pray for those you love and name them before God. (You might like to say what you will miss about them)

Give rest, Lord Jesus Christ,
to those who have died, and rest with you -
where there is no more sorrow or pain,
but life everlasting.

Holy God, creator and maker of all;
You are immortal; we are mortal,
From dust we came and to dust we will
return.

Yet even at the grave,
because your rose from the dead,
we make our song:

Alleluia!

Amen.

God grant to the living, grace;

To the departed, rest;
To the world, peace;
And to us and all the faithful,
Life everlasting;
and the blessing of God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
remain with *you* always. **Amen.**