



# Grace



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## **HM Queen Elizabeth II**

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Dear Friends,

The Queen is dead; long live the King.

I write to you on this, the day after HM the Queen sadly died at Balmoral aged 96. Most people alive cannot remember the death of the Queen's father, the late King George VI and no one has experienced the death of a British monarch who has reigned for 70 years.

The Queen was, for the nation, a guide and stay through the good times and the bad. She has unswervingly carried out her duty to God and the nation faithfully. She bore this duty with grace even though at times the burden and personal cost must have weighed greatly upon her.

Though most of us will never have met her, all our lives will have been touched by her in some way. Many will find, to their surprise, that they are feeling sadder than they expected they would at the news. I suspect that nationally and individually we will find that her death stirs up feelings of grief and loss from events in our past; this is entirely natural and we must make the most of the official mourning period to help us process our feelings of grief.

There will be memorial services on the eve of the Queen's funeral in both parishes and further details will be announced in due course. The churches will be open daily between 9am and 5pm and you may write in the book of condolence and light a candle. After the mourning period the loose leaf pages from the condolence books will be bound and archived for future generations.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the Queen; pray too for King Charles and the members of the royal family as they mourn their loss. You may wish to use the prayers provided here.

May HM the Queen rest in peace and rise in glory.

*God bless,  
Fr. Adam*



O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, by whom kings reign and princes decree justice: we remember before thee our late Sovereign Lady QUEEN ELIZABETH, in thankfulness for the blessings which thou hast bestowed upon us by her reign; for the example she set of unwearied devotion to duty; for her steadfast courage; and for the love and loyalty borne to her by a great family of peoples in all parts of the world. And we beseech thee to give us grace that, having these thy mercies in remembrance, we may with one heart and one mind set forward the welfare of this land, and hasten the coming of thy kingdom of peace and goodwill among men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the maker and redeemer of all mankind, grant us, with thy servant QUEEN ELIZABETH and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection; that in the last day, when all things are gathered up in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.  
Amen.

Almighty God, who rulest over all the kingdoms of the world, and disposest of them according to thy good pleasure, and who hast now called thy Servant our Sovereign Lord the King to the Throne of this Realm: let thy wisdom be his guide, and let thine arm strengthen him; let justice, truth, and holiness, let peace and love, and all those virtues that adorn the Christian Profession, flourish in his days. Direct all his counsels and endeavours to thy glory, and the welfare of his people; and give us grace to obey him cheerfully and willingly for conscience sake; that neither our sinful passions nor our private interests, may disappoint his cares for the public good; let him always possess the hearts of his people, that they may never be wanting in honour to his Person, and dutiful submission to his Authority; let his Reign be long and prosperous, and crown him with immortality in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

"I have in sincerity pledged myself to your service, as so many of you are pledged to mine. Throughout all my life and with all my heart I shall strive to be worthy of your trust."

*-HM the Queen; on her coronation*

"I believe that, young or old, we have as much to look forward to with confidence and hope as we have to look back on with pride."

*-HM the Queen; an extract from her Golden Jubilee message*

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