

Service for those not able to attend a funeral

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'
John 11.25,26

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
John 3.16

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.
We join with those at the funeral service (later today)
in remembering before God;
to give thanks for his/her life;
to commend him/her to God our merciful redeemer and judge;
and to pray for comfort in our grief and for

Almighty God,
you judge us with infinite mercy and justice
and love everything you have made.
In your mercy
turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life,
and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*We bring to mind some of our memories of
and give thanks for all that he/she has meant to us and all he/she
has enabled in our own lives.*

God of mercy, Lord of life,
you have made us in your image
to reflect your truth and light:
we give you thanks for,
for the grace and mercy he/she received from you,
for all that was good in his/her life,
and for the memories we treasure today. Amen

We ask forgiveness for the times we may have failed and one another .

If only Lord God,
If only we had taken time,
If only we had said more,
if only we had said less
We confess to you our regrets
and ask that you will forgive all that is past
and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen

Psalm

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills:
but whis/her shall I find help?

² My help comes from the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.

³ He will not suffer your foot to stumble:
and he who watches over you will not sleep.

⁴ Be sure he who has charge of Israel:
will neithis/her slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The Lord himself is your keeper:
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;

⁶ the sun shall not strike you by day:
nor shall the moon by night.

⁷ The Lord will defend you from all evil:
it is he who will guard your life.

⁸ The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:
from this time forward for evermore.

Prayer of Commendation and Farewell

Into your hands, Lord,
our faithful creator and most loving redeemer,
we commend your child,
for *he/she* is yours in death as in life.
In your great mercy
Gather him/her into your arms
and fulfil in him/her the purpose of your love;
that, rejoicing in the light
and refreshment of your presence,
he/she may enjoy that life which you have prepared
for all those who love you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for all who mourn

O God who brought us to birth
and in whose arms we die,
in our grief comfort us and all’s family,
especially

Embrace us with your love,
give us hope in our confusion
and grace to let go into new life
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Prayer for all our futures

Support us, O Lord,
all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at last;
through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Blessing

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and may the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be amongst us and remain with us always.
Amen.

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