

Prayers of the Faithful-OPTION I Funeral

Priest: Those who live in the spirit of the Beatitudes have nothing to fear from death. They already belong to the kingdom. Let us pray to the Father who through his Son teaches us how to live as his children.

1. For N., who in baptism received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him (her) over the water of death to new life.
We pray to the Lord.
2. For our brother (sister) N. who was nourished at the table of the Savior.
Welcome him (her) into the halls of the heavenly banquet.
We pray to the Lord.
3. For N's spouse N. and all deceased relatives and friends who have gone before us, grant them an everlasting home with your Son.
We pray to the Lord.
4. For the family and friends of N. who now seek comfort and consolation.
Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.
We pray to the Lord.
5. For all assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother (sister) N. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. We pray to the Lord.
6. For an increase of faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus providing eternal life for all people. We pray to the Lord.

Priest: Heavenly Father, you want to see in us those qualities which you saw and loved in your Son Jesus. Help us to become more like him on earth so that we may share his glory in heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Celebrant:

My dear friends, since God has loved us so much, we too must love one another. No one has seen God, but as long as we love one another, God will live in us and his love will be complete in us, and we know that love is stronger than death. So let us pray to the God who first loved us.

Leader:

N. lived Christ's commandment of love; may he (she) now hear those words, 'Come, O Blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.' We pray to the Lord. R.

N. showed much love for others in this life; may he (she) now experience the loving mercy of God for his (her) sins and failings. We pray to the Lord. R.

That from his (her) place in the Kingdom of the Father, he (she) may intercede for us and continue to help us. We pray to the Lord. R.

For those who mourn for N., that they may find strength through reaping the fruits of what N. sowed with love. We pray to the Lord. R.

For all here present, that we may draw inspiration from the example of N. and strive to live out in our own lives Christ's great commandment of love. We pray to the Lord. R.

For all those who have died, who during their lives on earth loved and helped others. We pray to the Lord. R.

Celebrant:

God our Father, all those who love others after the example of Christ your Son are truly blessed by you in this life, but what they receive here is only a shadow compared with the good things you have prepared for them in the next life. We make all our prayers through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.