

PRAYER AT THE CEMETERY

Leader: With reverence, we come to this sacred burial place
where the body of Sister _____ will be laid
within the womb of the earth to await the final day of glory.

All: The Lord Jesus Christ will change our mortal bodies
to be like his in glory, for he is risen,
the firstborn from the dead.

Leader: We come with a prayer
to keep the flame of love alive in our hearts.

All: We rejoice because our sister's name
has been written for all ages
in the palm of Your creative hand.

Leader: May the breath of creation that surrounds this grave
in trees, grass and earth, birds and sun join us in prayer.

All: May we be reminded of what we already know:
that nothing dies;
rather life is transformed into new life.

Leader: Holy is this grave;
holy is the earth that holds in gentle embrace
the bodies of all who are buried here.

All: With reverence, we stand at this resting place,
with love, with memories, and with our faith
in the reality that all the holy dead
shall rise in the splendor of Your glory.

Leader: Until that day, eternal rest to Sister _____

All: May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Leader: May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ
bless and console us and gently wipe every tear from our
eyes: in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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