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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