

PRAYERS FOR THE DYING PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



By the pure gift of abundant grace,
God's passionate love
unites us and all creation
in the Risen Body of the Cosmic Christ.

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When possible, the service begins by playing a recording of the bells of St. Ann's Parish church in Steinerberg, Switzerland where our Precious Blood Community was founded. The bells call us to prayer and remind us that we are united with the sisters who have gone before us.

OPENING HYMN: Choose the hymn that best fits with the sister for whom we pray.

1. HOLY GOD



1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name; Lord of
 2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn An - gel
 3. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly

1. all, we bow be - fore thee! All on earth thy
 2. choirs a - bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and
 3. Spir - it, Three we name thee; While in es - sence

1. scep - ter claim, All in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;
 2. Ser - a - phim, In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing;
 3. on - ly One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee;

1. In - fi - nite, thy vast do - main, Ev - er -
 2. Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly,
 3. And a - dor - ing, bend the knee, While we

1. last - ing is thy reign. In - fi - nite, thy
 2. ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!" Fill the heav'ns with
 3. own the mys - ter - y. And a - dor - ing,

1. vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
 2. sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 3. bend the knee, While we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: 78 78 77 with repeat; *Te Deum laudamus*; attr. to St. Nicetas, ca. 335–414;
Grosser Gott, wir loben dich; tr. ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1719–1790; tr. by Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900.
 Music: *Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, ca. 1774.

2. O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

Bernadette Farrell



1. O God, you search me and you know me.
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



1. All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
2. You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
3. You have known its mean - ing through and through.
4. Still I search for shel - ter from your light.
5. Gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



1. When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
2. And with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
3. You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
4. There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
5. For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



1. Ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
2. In ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
3. God of my pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
4. E - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
5. Safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

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3. YOUR WORDS ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE


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Refrain



Your words are spir - it and life, O Lord: rich - er than
gold, strong - er than death. Your words are spir - it and
life, O Lord; life ev - er - last - ing.

Verses



1. God's law is per - fect, re - fresh - ing the soul, re -
2. God's pre - cepts keep us; their pur - pose is right. They
3. Liv - ing by God's truth is ho - ly and sure; God's
4. God's word is pre - cious, de - sired more than gold; worth

1. viv - ing the wea - ry spir - it. God's
2. glad - den the hearts of peo - ple. God's com -
3. pres - ence is ev - er - last - ing. God's
4. more than we dare i - mag - ine and,

1. rule can be trust - ed: bring - ing us wis - dom,
2. mand is so clear it brings us new vi - sion;
3. truth is e - ter - nal, bring - ing us jus - tice;
4. sweet - er than hon - ey, this word will feed us,

to Refrain

1. bring - ing God's wis - dom to birth.
2. bring - ing God's light to our eyes.
3. bring - ing God's jus - tice to earth.
4. bring - ing ful - fill - ment and joy.

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PRAYER FOR A SISTER WHO IS DYING

INTRODUCTION:

Our Sister _____ is on her final journey, ready to meet her Beloved face to face. We believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us together will not unravel. We accompany our sister with our prayers and blessings so that she may soon be at peace and rest in the arms of Mary, our mother, and Jesus, our brother.

PRAYER FOR A SISTER WHO HAS DIED:

We gather to pray for our Sister _____ who has passed into eternal life. Let us praise our God, the God of all consolation who comforts us in all our afflictions. It is our belief that Sister _____, who was baptized in Christ Jesus, is now being welcomed into heaven for all eternity. May all who grieve her death be comforted, knowing that she is at peace.

PSALM: PSALM 100 (adapted)

LEADER: My sister, come with joy into the presence of the Lord.

1. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness;
come before the Lord singing for joy.
2. Know that the Lord is the God who made us.
We are God's people, to whom we belong.
We are the sheep in the Lord's own flock.
1. Enter the gates of heaven with thanksgiving,
Heaven's portals with praise.
Give thanks and bless God's holy name.
2. For God is good, promising us enduring kindness,
God's faithfulness is ever present to our sister and to all
generations.

All: My sister, come with joy into the presence of the Lord.

SUGGESTED READINGS: (Choose one)

A. Lamentations: 3: 22-25

The Lord's unfailing love and mercy still continue,
Fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise.
The Lord is all I have, and so in him I put my hope.
The Lord is good to everyone who trusts in God.

B. Song of Songs: 2: 12-14

My beloved speaks to me and says to me:
"Arise, my friend, my beautiful one, and come!
Let me see your face,
Let me hear your voice,
For your voice is sweet,
And your face is lovely."

PSALM: Verses adapted from Psalm 27:1, 4, 9, 14.

Leader: In our sister's name let us pray:

1. O Lord You are my light and my salvation,
I am not afraid.
2. I have asked you for one thing; this I seek:
to live in your house, O Lord all the days of my life
and to gaze on the beauty of your face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I long to see.
1. I know that I shall see your goodness, O Lord,
in the land of the living.
2. Give me strength and courage as I wait for you, my God.

All: O Lord You are my light and my salvation.

SUGGESTED GOSPEL READINGS: (Choose one)

Mt. 11: 28-30: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

Mt 25: 33-36: ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ ‘Truly I say to you, in as much as you did it to one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it to me.’

John 11: 21-23: Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.” Martha said to him, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.”

Luke 2: 29-32: Simeon’s Prayer:

Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

John 12: 24-26: Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

LITANY OF SAINTS AND INTERCESSIONS

Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God
St. Joseph

Pray for her.

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All you holy angels and archangels
All you holy patriarchs and prophets

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All you holy Apostles and Evangelists

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Saints Lawrence, Vincent de Paul, and St. Louis

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Saints Mary Magdalene, Philippine Duchesne, and Maria de Mattias “

(Patron Saint)

Welcome her.

Mother Theresa Weber and Father Karl Rolfus

Welcome her.

Mothers Celestine, Casparine, Augusta, and Armella,
Mothers Beata, Wilhelmine, Ancilla, Borgia, and Lorenza
Sisters Verona, Miriam Joseph, Andrée, and Mary

Welcome her.

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Name the sisters who have died in the last year.

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All Precious Blood Sisters who have gone before us
All holy men and women, saints of God.

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Add any intercessions that are appropriate for the day *Lord, hear our prayer.*

LEADER: Let us pray as Jesus has taught us. **ALL:** Our Father

All join in singing BE NOT AFRAID

Bob Dufford

Refrain

Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come fol-low

me, and I will give you rest.

1, 2 to Vss 2, 3 Final 2

CLOSING PRAYER:

FOR SISTER WHO IS DYING

Go Forth, Sister _____, in the name of God who created you
in the name of Jesus the Christ who redeemed you and
in the name of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies you.
May peace come to you today, and may Mary, the Mother of God,
St. Joseph, Mother Theresa Weber, and all our Precious Blood Sisters
welcome you into your heavenly home.

And may the love of God, the peace of Jesus the Christ, and the energy of
the Holy Spirit bless and console us, for we know and believe that we will
one day see you again in the land of the living.

+In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

FOR SISTER WHO HAS DIED

LEADER: God of mercy and compassion, you have poured out your
unconditional love and dispelled the shadow of death with the bright dawn
of life. Hear our prayer for our Sister _____ whom you have
summoned out of the world.

Comfort her family and friends in this time of loss and sorrow. Be our
refuge and our strength, O Lord, and lift us from the depths of grief into the
peace and light of your presence.

Into your hands, O Faithful God, we humbly entrust our Sister _____.

Welcome her into a place of refreshment and light where there will be no
more sorrow, weeping or pain, but rather the fullness of peace and joy with
your Son and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

LEADER: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

ALL: And let perpetual light shine upon her.

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

One or more of the following may be chosen to end the prayer. Or another of the opening songs may also be chosen.

1. BRIDEGROOM SONG

1. Our lamps are trimmed and burning,
Our robes are white and clean;
We've tarried for the Bridegroom, O may we enter in?
We know we've nothing worthy, that we can call our own;
The light, the oil, the robes we wear, are all from Him alone.

Refrain: Behold, the Bridegroom cometh:
And all may enter in
Whose lamps are trimmed and burning,
Whose robes are white and clean.

2. Go forth, go forth to meet Him, the way is open now;
All lighted with the glory that's streaming from His brow;
Accept the invitation beyond deserving kind,
Make no delay but take your lamps and joy eternal find.
3. We see the marriage splendor, within the open door;
We know that those who enter are blest forevermore;
We see He is more lovely than all the sons of men,
But still we know the door once shut will never ope' again.

2. SONG OF FAREWELL

Dan Schutte


Go now in peace, faith-ful friend of God, as you
take our love in-to par - a - dise.
God's ho - ly an - gels will lead you home to the
wide wait-ing arms of the Lord.

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4. I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

Scott Soper

Verses

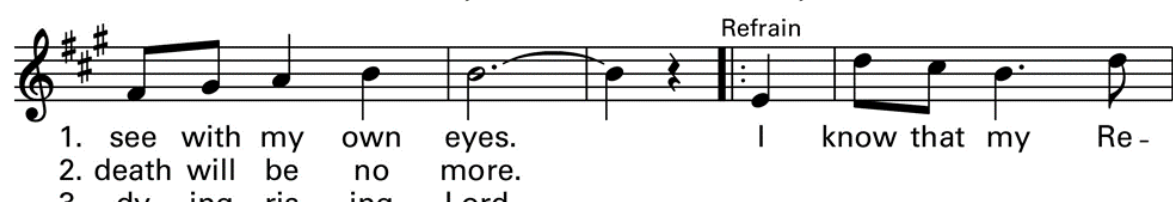


1. I know that my Re-deem-er lives, the One who
2. I know that I shall one day see the good-ness
3. The last day I shall rise a - gain, shall be re -




1. calls me home. I long to see God face - to - face, to
2. of the Lord, when God will wipe a - way our tears, and
3. made like God. My home shall be by God's own side, the

Refrain



1. see with my own eyes. I know that my Re -
2. death will be no more.
3. dy - ing, ris - ing Lord.



deem-er lives, that I shall rise a - gain. gain.

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4. MARIAN ANTHEM ACCORDING TO THE SEASON

During Advent and Christmas till February 2nd

O loving Mother of our Savior,
Forever abiding heaven's gateway and star of the sea:
O hasten to aid us, who oft falling strive to rise again.
Maiden thou who borest, while nature stood in awe,
thine own Maker, thine all holy Lord.
Virgin ever after, as before, through the mouth of Gabriel,
Heaven spoke its Ave, have compassion on us sinners.

February 3rd to Wednesday of Holy Week

Queen of the heavens, we hail thee,
Queen of angel hosts, we salute thee,
Thou the root and thou the portal, Thou the fount of life immortal.
Hail, thou Virgin robed in glory, Crown of all creation's story!
Beauty excelling, we greet thee,
O beseech thy Son for us, we pray thee.

Easter Season

O Queen of heaven, be joyful, alleluia.
The son whom you were worthy to carry, alleluia.
Rose in splendor, as He foretold, alleluia.
Pray for us to the Father, Alleluia.

Trinity Sunday to Advent

Mary, we greet thee, Mother and Queen all merciful
Our life, our sweetness, and our hope, we hail thee.
To thee, we exiles, children of Eve, lift our crying.
To thee we send our sighs as mourning and weeping,
we pass through this vale of sorrow.
Haste then, we pray, O our intercessor, look with pity,
with eyes of love and tenderness, upon us sinners.
And Mary, when this earthly exile shall be ended,
show us thy womb's most blessed fruit, thy Jesus.
O gentle, O loving, O most holy Virgin Mary.

