

*A candle may be lit and comforting words from scripture read.*

### **Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

### **Gospel of John 14.1-6,27**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me.

In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not

so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And

if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take

you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you

know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him,

“Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the

way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the

Life. No one comes to the Father except through me”.

“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. So do not let your

hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

*Prayers which can be said....*

*Prayers of thanks and hope may be said.*

### **Eternal God, Giver of Life,**

Thank you for the life of.....

for the gifts you gave *him/her*,

for the blessings *he/she* received from you,

and for the ways in which *his/her* life has touched ours.

We thank you for the memories we treasure today.

### **Eternal God, Source of all Mercy;**

We remember thankfully all those dear to us

whose lives have helped to shape our own;

especially we remember .....

Help us to draw comfort from knowing

that they are enfolded in the fullness of your love,

within the communion of saints.

### **Eternal God, Bearer of Hope and Comfort,**

We pray for those who mourn; especially .....

May your light shine through their times of darkness,

and may they know the peace of your presence

in the days to come.

### **Eternal God, Word of Life,**

In whom we live and move and have our being;

Grant us strength of purpose

for the time that is left for us here on earth;

In your Light may we see life clearly,

And in your service may we find perfect freedom,

in the love of Christ.

**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.

**God of Light and Peace**, we join with family and friends,  
to commend ..... into your safe-keeping.  
Receive *him/her* into your arms of love and mercy,  
into the joy of everlasting peace,  
and into the company of the saints in light,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*A prayer for going forward:*

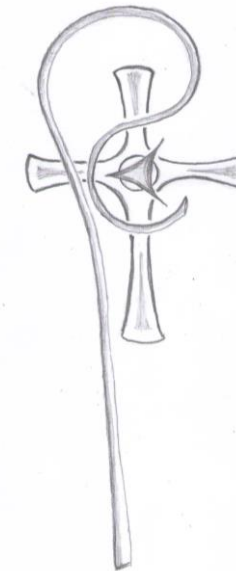
**Gracious God**, who brought us to birth,  
and in whose arms we die;  
lead us forward into the shadowy future  
without fear and with steadfast hearts.  
Help us to trust in your unfailing love,  
and strengthen us to give of ourselves  
in love and service to one another and to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**May the grace** of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us now, and evermore.

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# Prayers at home at the time of a funeral



*Readings and prayers which may be read  
at home by those who are unable to  
attend a funeral service.*

**'Nothing can ever separate us from the  
love of God in Christ Jesus.'** (Romans 8.39)