

# CATHOLIC ORDER OF FUNERAL AND PRAYER SERVICES



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# 1 PREPARATION AFTER DEATH

## 1.1 Prayers After Death

### 1.1.1 Introductory Hymn/Prayer

All Suitable opening hymn may be sung.

[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

All In the name of the Father, ✠and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Priest **OPTION A – For an adult**

In this moment of sorrow, the Lord is in our midst and consoles us with His word:  
Blessed are the sorrowful; they shall be comforted.

**OPTION B – For an adult**

Praise be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all consolation!

He comforts us in all our afflictions, and thus enables us to comfort those who are grieving with the same consolation we have received from Him.

**OPTION C – For a baptised child**

In the waters of baptism, **N.** died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May he/she now share with Him eternal glory.

**OPTION D – For a child who died before baptism**

My brothers and sisters, the Lord is a faithful God who created us all after His own image. All things are of His making, all creation awaits the day of salvation. We now entrust the soul of **N.** to the abundant mercy of God, that our beloved child may find a home in His kingdom.

**The minister then invites those present to pray in silence.**

**Priest** Let us pause for a moment to pray in the silence of our hearts.

**1.1.2 Scripture Reading**

**Priest** **OPTION A – For an adult**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:19-20

Jesus said: ‘If two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**OPTION B – For an adult**



A reading from the Holy Gospel according to  
John 11:21-27

Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother,' said Jesus to her, 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies, he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'  
The Gospel of the Lord.

### OPTION C – For an adult

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to  
Luke 20:35-38

Jesus said, 'Those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Issac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but

of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.’  
The Gospel of the Lord

**OPTION D – For a child**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to  
Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to Jesus, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’ Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

1.1.3      The Lord’s Prayer

Priest      **OPTION A**

With God there is mercy and fullness of redemption;  
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**OPTION B**

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus  
taught us:

## OPTION C

In love, God calls us his children, for that indeed is what we are. We ask for the strength we need by praying in the words Jesus gave us:

All

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.

1.1.4 Concluding Rite

1.1.4.1 *Concluding Prayer*

Priest **OPTION A – For the deceased person**

Holy Lord, almighty and eternal God,  
hear our prayers for your servant **N.**,  
whom you have summoned out of this world.  
Forgive his/her sins and failings  
and grant him/her a place of refreshment, light and  
peace.  
Let him/her pass unharmed through the gates of  
death to dwell with the blessed in light,  
as you promised to Abraham and his children for  
ever.

Accept **N.** into your safe-keeping  
and on the great day of judgment  
raise him/her up with all the saints  
to inherit your eternal kingdom.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### OPTION B – For the mourners

Father of mercies and God of all consolation,  
you pursue us with untiring love  
and dispel the shadow of death  
with the bright dawn of life.  
[Comfort your family in their 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.]  
Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by dying has destroyed our death,  
and by rising, restored our life.  
Enable us therefore to press on toward him,  
so that, after our earthly course is run,  
he may reunite us with those we love,  
when every tear will be wiped away.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### OPTION C – For a baptised child

Lord of all gentleness,  
surround us with your care  
and comfort us in our sorrow,  
for we grieve at the loss of this [little] child.

As you washed **N.** in the waters of Baptism  
and welcomed him/her into the life of heaven,  
so call us one day  
to be united with him/her  
and share for ever the joy of your kingdom.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**OPTION D – For a child who died before Baptism**

Lord Jesus,  
whose Mother stood grieving at the foot of the  
cross,  
look kindly on these parents,  
who have suffered the loss of their child **N.**  
Listen to the prayer of Mary on their behalf,  
that their faith may be strong like hers  
and find its promised reward,  
for you live for ever and ever.  
Amen.

All

**1.1.4.2 Blessing**

Priest **OPTION A – For an adult**

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;  
let them rest from their labours, for their good deeds  
go with them.

**OPTION B – For a child**

Jesus said: ‘let the children come to me. Do not  
keep them from me. The kingdom of God belongs

to such as these.’

Priest Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord.

All And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

Priest May he/she rest in peace.

All Amen.

Priest May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All Amen.

### 1.1.4.3 *Dismissal*

Lay minister 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,  
(lay minister blesses himself/herself)  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

or

Priest May the Love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ console you, and gently wipe every tear from your eyes.

All Amen.

Priest May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠and the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All Thanks be to God.

All **Suitable concluding hymn may be sung.**  
[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

## 1.2 Prayers When The Body Is Placed Into The Coffin

### 1.2.1 Introductory Hymn/Prayer

All **Suitable opening hymn may be sung.**  
[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

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

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

### 1.2.2 Invitation

Priest Dear friends in Christ, in the name of Jesus and of his Church, we gather to pray for **N.**, that God may bring him/her to everlasting peace and rest.

We share the pain of loss, but the promise of eternal life gives us hope. Let us comfort one another with these words:

### 1.2.3 Scriptural Verse

Priest **OPTION A**  
Matthew 11:28-30

My brothers and sisters, Jesus says, ‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will

give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

### OPTION B

John 14:1-3

My brothers and sisters, Jesus says: ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me, so that where I am you may be too.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(pause for silent prayer)

## 1.2.4 Sprinkling of The Body with Holy Water

Priest **OPTION A**

The Lord is our shepherd  
and leads us to streams of living water.

### OPTION B

Let this water call to mind our baptism into Christ,  
who by his death and resurrection has redeemed us.



## OPTION C

The Lord God lives in his holy temple yet abides in our midst.

Since in baptism **N.** became God's temple and the Spirit of God lived in him/her, with reverence we bless his/her mortal body.

### 1.2.5 Psalm

#### OPTION A - Psalm 129

Response: I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

**Leader** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

**All** I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

**Leader** If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness;  
For this we revere you.

**All** I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

**Leader** My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.

**All** I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

**Leader** Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity.

**All** I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

**OPTION B – Psalm 114 & 115**

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Leader** How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me.

**All** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Leader** I trusted, even when I said:  
‘I am sorely afflicted,’  
and when I said in my alarm:  
‘No man can be trusted.’

**All** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Leader** O previous in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
You have loosened my bonds.

**All** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**1.2.6 The Lord’s Prayer**

**Priest** **OPTION A**

With God there is mercy and fullness of redemption;  
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**OPTION B**

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us:

### OPTION C

In love, God calls us his children, for that indeed is what we are. We ask for the strength we need by praying in the words Jesus gave us:

All

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.

1.2.7 Concluding Rite

1.2.7.1 *Concluding Prayer*

Priest

### OPTION A – For the deceased person

God of faithfulness,  
in your wisdom you have called your servant **N.** out  
of this world;  
release him/her from the bonds of sin,  
and welcome him/her into your presence,  
so that he/she may enjoy eternal light and peace  
and be raised up in glory with all your saints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**OPTION B – for the deceased person**

Into your hands, O Lord,  
we humbly entrust our brother/sister **N**.  
In this life you embraced him/her with your tender  
love;  
deliver him/her from every evil  
and bid him/her enter eternal rest.

The old order has passed away:  
welcome him/her then into paradise,  
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain,  
but fullness of peace and joy  
with your Son and the Holy Spirit  
for ever and ever.

**OPTION C – for a baptised child**

To you, O Lord,  
We humbly entrust this child, **N**.,  
so precious in your sight.  
Take him/her into your arms  
and welcome him/her into paradise,  
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain,  
but the fullness of peace and joy  
with your Son and the Holy Spirit  
for ever and ever.

**OPTION D – for a child who died before Baptism**

God of all consolation,

searcher of mind and heart,  
the faith of these parents **M.** and **M.** is known to  
you.

Comfort them with the knowledge  
that the child for whom they grieve  
is entrusted now to your loving care.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

### 1.2.7.2 *Blessing*

Priest **OPTION A – for an adult**

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;  
let them rest from their labours,  
for their good deeds go with them.

**OPTION B – for a child**

Jesus said: ‘let the children come to me. Do not  
keep them from me. The kingdom of God belongs  
to such as these.’

Priest Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord.

All And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

Priest May he/she rest in peace.

All Amen.

Priest May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All Amen.

### 1.2.7.3 *Dismissal*

**Lay minister** 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, **(lay minister blesses himself/herself)** in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All** Amen.

**Priest** May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ console you and gently wipe every tear from your eyes.

**All** Amen.

**Priest** May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠and the Holy Spirit.

**All** Amen.

**Priest** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**All** Thanks be to God.

**All** **Suitable concluding hymn may be sung.**  
[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

## 2 FUNERAL LITURGY

### 2.1 Service At Home Or Funeral Parlour

#### 2.1.1 Introductory Hymn/Prayer

**All** **Suitable opening hymn may be sung.**  
[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

**All** In the name of the Father, ✠and of the Son, and of

the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you.  
All And with your spirit.

### 2.1.2 Invitation

Priest Dear friends in Christ, in the name of Jesus and of his Church, we gather to pray for **N.**, that God may bring him/her to everlasting peace and rest.  
We share the pain of loss, but the promise of eternal life gives us hope. Let us comfort one another with these words:

### 2.1.3 Scriptural Verse

Priest **OPTION A**  
Matthew 11:28-30

My brothers and sisters, Jesus says, ‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**OPTION B**  
Colossian 3:3-4

My brothers and sisters, we read in sacred Scripture:

You have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

### OPTION C

Romans 6:8-9

My brothers and sisters, we read in sacred Scripture:

We believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more.

## 2.1.4 Psalm

### OPTION A - Psalm 129

Response: I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

**Leader** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

**All** I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.  
**Leader** If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness;  
For this we revere you.

**All** I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.  
**Leader** My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.



My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.

All I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Leader Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity.

All I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

### OPTION B – Psalm 114 & 115

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in  
the land of the living.

Leader How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me.

All I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land  
of the living.

Leader I trusted, even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted,'  
and when I said in my alarm:  
'No man can be trusted.'

All I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land  
of the living.

Leader O previous in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
You have loosened my bonds.

All I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land  
of the living.

## 2.1.5 Litany

- Priest** Dear friends, our Lord comes to raise the dead and comforts us with the solace of his love. Let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Priest** Word of God, Creator of the earth to which **N.** now returns: in Baptism you called him/her to eternal life to praise your Father for ever.
- All** Lord, have mercy.
- Priest** Son of God, you raise up the just and clothe them with the glory of your kingdom.
- All** Lord have mercy.
- Priest** Crucified Lord, you protect the soul of **N.** by the power of your cross, and on the day of your coming you will show mercy to all the faithful departed.
- All** Lord have mercy.
- Priest** Judge of the living and the dead, at your voice the tombs will open and all the just who sleep in your peace will rise and sing the glory of God.
- All** Lord have mercy.
- Priest** All praise to you, Jesus our Saviour, death is in your hands and all the living depend on you alone.
- All** Lord have mercy.

## 2.1.6 The Lord's Prayer

- Priest** **The coffin is then sprinkled with Holy Water.**  
With faith and hope we pray to God the Father in the words Jesus taught his disciples:
- All** 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.

2.1.7 Concluding Rite

2.1.7.1 *Concluding Prayer*

Priest **OPTION A – for the deceased person**

Lord, **N.** is gone now from this earthly dwelling  
and has left behind those who mourn his/her  
absence.

Grant that as we grieve for our brother/sister  
we may hold his/her memory dear  
and live in hope of the eternal kingdom  
where you will bring us together again.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**OPTION B - for the mourners**

God of all consolation,  
open our hearts to your word,  
so that listening to it, we may comfort one another,  
finding light in time of darkness  
and faith in time of doubt.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### OPTION C – for a baptised child

Lord, in our grief we call upon your mercy:  
open your ears to our prayers,  
and one day unite us again with N.,  
who, we firmly trust,  
already enjoys eternal life in your kingdom.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### OPTION D – for a child who died before Baptism

O Lord, whose ways are beyond understanding,  
listen to the prayers of your faithful people:  
that those weighed down by grief at the loss of this  
[little] child  
may find reassurance in your infinite goodness.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your  
Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

All

#### 2.1.7.2 *Blessing*

Priest **OPTION A – for an adult**

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord;  
let them rest from their labours, for their good deeds  
go with them.

**OPTION B – for a child**

Jesus said: 'let the children come to me. Do not keep them from me. The kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'

Priest Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord.

All And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

Priest May he/she rest in peace.

All Amen.

Priest May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All Amen.

### 2.1.7.3 *Dismissal*

Lay minister 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,  
(lay minister blesses himself/herself)  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ console you  
and gently wipe every tear from your eyes.

All Amen.

Priest May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠and the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

#### 2.1.7.4 *Invitation to The Procession to The Church/Cemetery/Crematorium*

**Priest** The Lord guards our coming in and our going out.  
May God be with us today  
as we make this last journey with our brother/sister.  
Let us bless the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

**All** **Suitable concluding hymn may be sung.**  
[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

## 2.2 Funeral Mass In The Church

### 2.2.1 Entrance Rite

#### 2.2.1.1 *Entrance Greeting (Optional)*

If there was no rite celebrated earlier at the home of the deceased or at the funeral parlour, the priest with assisting ministers goes to the door of the church and, using one of the following greetings or in similar words, greets those present.

**Priest** In the name of the Father, ✠and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All** Amen.

**Priest** **OPTION A**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with

you all.

### OPTION B

The grace and peace of God our Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, be always with you.

### OPTION C

May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation, be with you.

All And with your spirit.

## 2.2.1.2 *Sprinkling of Holy Water*

Priest **The priest sprinkles the coffin with Holy Water.**  
**OPTION A – for a baptised adult or child**

In the waters of Baptism

**N.** died with Christ and rose with him to new life.  
May he/she now share with him eternal glory.

### OPTION B – for a baptised adult or child

Let this water call to mind our Baptism into Christ, who by his death and resurrection has redeemed us.

### OPTION C – for a baptised adult or child

The Lord God lives in his holy temple yet abides in our midst.

Since in baptism **N.** became God's temple

and the Spirit of God lived in him/her,  
with reverence we bless his/her mortal body.

**OPTION D – for a child who died before Baptism**

My brothers and sisters, the Lord is a faithful God who created us all after his own image. All things are of his making, all creation awaits the day of salvation. We now entrust the soul of **N.** to the abundant mercy of God, that our beloved child may find a home in his kingdom.

**2.2.1.3**     *Optional Rites of Placing Christian Symbols*

**2.2.1.3.1**   *Placement of The Pall*

A pall or a piece of white cloth may be placed over the coffin by family members, friends, or the priest. This is a reminder of our baptismal garment, a sign of our Christian dignity and signifies equality of all in the eyes of God.

**Priest**   In Baptism **N.** received the pall as the outward sign of his/her Christian dignity.  
May he/she now bring it unstained to the Father, symbolising his/her faithfulness.

**2.2.1.3.2**   *Placement of Book of Gospels/Bible*

Book of Gospels/Bible may be placed over the coffin.

**Priest**   In life **N.** cherished the Gospel of Christ.  
May Christ greet him/her with these words of



eternal life:  
Come blessed of my Father!

### 2.2.1.3.3 *Placement of Crucifix*

Priest **A crucifix may be placed over the coffin.**  
**OPTION A – for a baptised child**

In Baptism **N.** received the sign of the cross.  
May he/she now share  
in Christ's victory over sin and death.

**OPTION B – for a child who died before Baptism**

The cross we have brought here today was carried  
by the Lord Jesus in the hour of his suffering.  
We place it now on/near this coffin as a sign of our  
hope for **N.**  
**The Paschal Candle is to be placed near the coffin.**

## 2.2.2 Entrance Procession with Entrance Hymn

All **A suitable entrance hymn may be sung.**  
7 Psalms/Hymns 8 Other Psalms 9 Other Hymns

**OPTION I**

The priest (and his ministers) may lead the coffin  
and the mourners into the church. On reaching the  
altar, reverence is given and the priest venerates the  
altar. He then proceeds with the Prayer of Collect  
when all have reached their places. The penitential  
Rite is omitted.

[\(go to Page 30 for the Collect\)](#)

## OPTION II

If rites were celebrated earlier, the coffin is placed near the sanctuary, and the entrance procession begins in the same manner as the normal Mass.

### 2.2.3 Entrance Antiphon

All **OPTION A (Outside Easter Time) – for a baptised adult or child**

May the Lord open to him/her the gate of Paradise,  
that he/she may return to that homeland  
where there is no death, where eternal joy endures.

#### OPTION B (Outside Easter Time)

Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord,  
and let your perpetual light shine upon him/her.

#### OPTION C (Easter Time)

Just as Jesus died and rose again,  
so, though Jesus, God will bring with him  
those who have fallen asleep;  
and as in Adam all die,  
so also in Christ will all be brought to life, alleluia.

#### OPTION D (Easter Time) – for a baptised child

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord;

receive the kingdom prepared for you  
from the foundation of the world (E.T. alleluia).

**OPTION E (Easter Time) – for a child who died  
before Baptism**

God will wipe every tear from their eyes,  
and there shall be no more death  
or mourning, crying or pain,  
for former things have passed away.

**Priest** In the name of the Father, ✠and of the Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit.

**All** Amen.

**Priest** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be  
with you all.

**All** And with your spirit.

#### 2.2.4 Penitential Rite

**Priest** Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge  
our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the  
sacred mysteries.

**All** I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
(and striking their breast, they say:)  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

All Amen.

Priest Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Priest Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Priest Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

## 2.2.5 Collect

Priest **OPTION A (Outside Easter Time) – for a baptised adult**

Let us pray.  
O God, almighty Father,  
our faith professes that your Son died and rose  
again;  
mercifully grant, that through this mystery  
your servant **N.**, who has fallen asleep in Christ,  
may rejoice to rise again through him.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**OPTION B (Easter Time) – for a baptised adult**

Let us pray.  
Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord:  
as our faith in your Son,  
raised from the dead, is deepened,  
may our hope of resurrection for your departed  
servant **N.**  
also find new strength.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**OPTION C (Easter Time) – for a baptised child**

Let us pray.  
Most compassionate God,  
who in the counsels of your wisdom  
have called this little child to yourself  
on the very threshold of life,  
listen kindly to our prayers  
and grant that one day we may inherit eternal life  
with him/her,  
whom, by the grace of Baptism,  
you have adopted as your own child  
and who we believe is dwelling even now in your  
Kingdom.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**OPTION D (Easter Time) – for a child who died**

## before Baptism

Let us pray.

Receive the prayers of your faithful, Lord,  
and grant that those you allow to be weighed down  
by their longing for the child taken from them  
may be raised up by faith to hope in your  
compassion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

### 2.2.6 Liturgy of The Word

#### 2.2.6.1 *First Reading*

**Reader** A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans  
Romans 6:3-9

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus, we were  
baptised in his death; in other words, when we were  
baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined  
him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the  
dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new  
life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death,  
we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We  
must realise that our former selves have been  
crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to

free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more.

The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

#### 2.2.6.2 *Responsorial Psalm*

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reader The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

All The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reader He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness,  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff,  
with these you give me comfort.

All The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reader You have prepared a banquet for me

in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

**All** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Reader** Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

**All** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

### 2.2.6.3 *Gospel Acclamation*

**All** **OUTSIDE LENTEN SEASON**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord:  
whoever believes in me will never die.

Alleluia!

**LENTEN SEASON**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord:  
whoever believes in me will never die.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

### 2.2.6.4 *Gospel*

**Priest** A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to



John 6:37-40

Jesus said to the crowd:  
'All that the Father gives me will come to me,  
and whoever comes to me,  
I shall not turn him away;  
because I have come from heaven,  
not to do my own will,  
but to do the will of the one who sent me.  
Now the will of him who sent me  
is that I should lose nothing of all that he has given  
to me,  
and that I should raise it up on the last day.  
Yes, it is my Father's will that whoever sees the Son  
and believes in him shall have eternal life,  
and that I shall raise him up on the last day.'  
The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

2.2.6.5 *Homily*

The priest preach the Homily.

2.2.6.6 *Prayer of The Faithful*

OPTION A

Priest God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead.

Reader For N., who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the

All company of the saints. (pause) Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Reader For our brother/sister **N.**, who ate the body of  
Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised  
up on the last day. (pause) Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Reader **OPTION 1 - for a deacon**

For our brother **N.**, who proclaimed the Good News  
of Jesus Christ and served the needs of the poor, that  
he may be welcomed into the sanctuary of heaven.  
(pause) Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Reader **OPTION 2 - for a bishop or priest**

For our brother **N.**, who served the Church as a  
priest, that he may be given a place in the liturgy of  
heaven. (pause) Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Reader For our deceased relatives and friends and for all  
who have helped us, that they may have the reward  
of their goodness. (pause) Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Reader **OPTION 3 - for a baptised child**

For **N.**, child of God, that he/she be held securely in  
God's loving embrace now and for all eternity.  
(pause) Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Reader **OPTION 4 – for N.’s family**

For **N.**’s family, especially his/her mother and father (his brothers/sisters), that they feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief. (pause) Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Reader For the family and friends of our brother/sister **N.**, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. (pause) Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Reader For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God’s kingdom. (pause) Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

**OPTION B**

Priest My dear friends, let us join with one another in praying to God, not only for our departed brother/sister, but also for the Church, for peace in the world, and for ourselves.

Reader That the bishops and priests of the Church, and all who preach the Gospel, may be given the strength to express in action the word they proclaim. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader That those in public office may promote justice and peace. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God. (pause) We

pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader That God may deliver the soul of his servant **N.** from punishment and from the powers of the darkness. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

**OPTION 1 – for a baptised child**

Reader That God will bring to completion **N.**'s baptism into Christ. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

**OPTION 2 – for N.'s parents**

Reader For **N.**'s father and mother (and brother(s) and sister(s), that they may know our love and support in their grief. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest (Concluding Prayer)

God, our shelter and strength,  
you listen in love to the cry of your people.  
Hear the prayers we offer for our departed  
brother/sister **N.**

Cleanse him/her and all the faithful departed of their  
sins and grant them the fullness of redemption.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## 2.2.7 Liturgy of The Eucharist

### 2.2.7.1 *Presentation and Preparation of Gifts*

All Suitable offertory hymn for presentation of gifts may be sung.

[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

Priest Priest takes the paten with the bread

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received the  
bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Priest Priest pours wine and a little water into the chalice

By the mystery of this water and wine  
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ,  
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Priest Priest then takes the chalice

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received the  
wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Priest Bowing profoundly and say quietly

With humble spirit and contrite heart,  
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,

and may our sacrifice in your sight this day  
be pleasing to you, Lord God.

**Priest** Priest then washes his hands

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

### 2.2.7.2 *Invitation to Prayer*

**Priest** Pray, brethen (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to  
god, the almighty Father.

**All** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

### 2.2.7.3 *Prayer Over The Offerings*

#### OUTSIDE EASTER TIME

#### OPTION A – for a baptised adult or a child

**Priest** As we humbly present to you  
these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,  
for the salvation of your servant N.,  
we beseech your mercy,  
that he/she, who did not doubt your Son to be a  
loving Saviour,  
may find in him a merciful Judge.

**All** Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.

#### EASTER TIME

**OPTION B – for a baptised adult**

**Priest** Look favourably on our offerings, O Lord,  
so that your departed servant **N.**  
may be taken up into glory with your Son,  
in whose great mystery of love we are all united.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

**OPTION C – for a baptised child**

**Priest** Sanctify these offerings we bring you, O Lord,  
that the parents, who now entrust to you  
the child you gave to them,  
may come to embrace him/her with joy in your  
Kingdom.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

**OPTION D – for a child who died before Baptism**

**Priest** Graciously accept this offering, O God,  
as a sign of our devotion,  
so that, trusting in the designs of your providence,  
we may be raised up by your gentle and fatherly  
care.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

**2.2.7.4 Eucharistic Prayer**

**Priest** Dialogue  
The Lord be with you.  
**All** And with your spirit.  
**Priest** Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.  
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.  
All It is truly right and just.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

### Preface I for the Dead

Priest It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned,  
that those saddened by the certainty of dying,  
might be consoled by the promise of immortality to  
come.

Indeed for your faithful, Lord,  
life is changed not ended,  
and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,  
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in  
heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,  
with Thrones and Dominions,  
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,  
we sing the hymn of your glory,  
as without end we acclaim:

or

### Preface II for the Dead

Priest It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.



For as one alone he accepted death,  
so that we might all escape from dying;  
as one man he chose to die,  
so that in your sight we all might live for ever.  
And so, in company with the choir of Angels,  
we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hossana in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hossana in the highest.

All

Priest You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,  
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the  
dewfall, so that they may become for us  
the Body and ✠Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly  
into his Passion,  
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks,  
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY, FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

All

We proclaim your death, O Lord  
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

or

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come  
again.

or

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us  
free.

Priest

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his  
Death and Resurrection,  
we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice  
of salvation,  
giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in  
your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and  
Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the  
Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the  
world, and bring her to the fullness of charity,

together with **M.**, our Pope and **M.** our Bishop, and all the clergy.

Remember your servant **N.**, whom you have called (today) from this world to yourself.  
Grant that he/she who was united with your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Resurrection.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III**

#### **Preface IV for the Dead**

Priest

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For it is at your summons that we come to birth, by your will that we are governed, and at your command that we return, on account of sin, to that earth from which we came.

And when you give the sign, we who have been redeemed by the Death of your Son, shall be raised up to the glory of his Resurrection.

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim:

or

**Preface V for the dead**

Priest

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For even though by our own fault we perish, yet by your compassion and your grace, when seized by death according to our sins, we redeemed through Christ's great victory, and with him called back to life.

And so, with the Powers of heaven, we worship you constantly on earth, and before your majesty without end we acclaim:

All

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hossana in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hossana in the highest.

Priest

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting, a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you, by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and ✠Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed, he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM

IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL  
COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT  
FOR YOU, AND FOR MANY, FOR THE  
FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

All We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your  
Resurrection, until you come again.

or

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we  
proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

or

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and  
Resurrection, you have set up free.

Priest Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate this memorial of  
the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous  
Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we  
look forward to his second coming, we offer you in  
thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church  
and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose  
death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant  
that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood  
of your Son, and filled with his Holy Spirit, may  
become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so  
that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect,  
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,

with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs (with Saints N – the Saint of the day or Patron Saint) and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant M., our Pope, and M. our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you. In your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

Remember your servant N., whom you have called (today) from this world to yourself. Grant that he/she who was united with your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Resurrection, when from the earth he will raise up in the flesh those who have died, and transform our lowly body after the pattern of his own glorious body.

To our departed brothers and sisters, too, and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory, when you will wipe away every tear from our

eyes.

For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages, and praise you without end, through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

All

## 2.2.8 Communion Rite

### 2.2.8.1 *The Lord's Prayer*

**Priest** At the Saviour's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All 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.

**Priest** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always  
free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await  
the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour,



Jesus Christ.

All For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.

### 2.2.8.2 *Sign of Peace*

Priest Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on  
our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant here peace and unity in  
accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And with your spirit.

Priest Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*Priest and all the people exchange gesture of peace  
with those near them.*

### 2.2.8.3 *Breaking of The Bread*

Priest *The priest breaks the bread, put a small piece in the  
chalice, saying quietly*

May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, bring eternal life to us who  
receive it.

All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

#### 2.2.8.4 Communion

**Priest** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,  
who, by the will of the Father  
and the work of the Holy Spirit,  
through your Death gave life to the world,  
free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood,  
from all my sins and from every evil;  
keep me always faithful to your commandments,  
and never let me be parted from you.

**All** Behold the lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.  
Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.

**Priest** *Priest says quietly*  
May the Body of Christ  
keep me safe for eternal life.  
*Priest reverently consumes the Body of Christ*

Holy Communion  
**Minister** The Body of Christ.  
**Each** Amen.  
**communi**  
**cant**

Priest Communion Hymn or Communion Antiphon  
Communion Antiphon – outside Easter Time

We await a saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who will change our mortal bodies,  
to conform with his glorified body.

Priest Communion Antiphon – Easter Time

I am the Resurrection and the life, says the Lord.  
Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will  
live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me  
will not die forever, alleluia.

Priest The priest purifies the paten and the chalice, saying  
quietly

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord,  
may we possess in purity of heart,  
that what has been given to us in time  
may be our healing for eternity.

Priest Prayer After Communion  
Let us pray.

OPTION A – for a baptised adult (outside Easter  
Time)

Priest Lord, God, whose Son left us,  
in the Sacrament of his Body,  
food for the journey,  
mercifully grant that strengthened by it,

our brother/sister **N.** may come  
to the eternal table of Christ.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.

All

**OPTION B – for a baptised adult (Easter Time)**

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that your servant **N.**,  
for whom we have celebrated this paschal  
Sacrament,  
may pass over to a dwelling place of light and  
peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

All

**OPTION C – for a baptised child and for a child  
died before Baptism**

Priest

Having received the Communion  
of your Son's Body and Blood, O Lord,  
we ask you faithfully  
to comfort amid the sorrows of this life  
those whom you have graciously nourished  
by these sacred mysteries,  
so as to strengthen their hope of life eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

2.2.9 Final Commendation

2.2.9.1 *Commendation*

**OPTION A**

Priest

Before we go our separate ways,

let us take leave of our brother/sister.  
May our farewell express our affection for him/her;  
may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope.  
One day we shall joyfully greet him/her again  
when the love of Christ, which conquers all things,  
destroys even death itself.

### OPTION B

Priest With faith in Jesus Christ, we must reverence the  
body of our brother/sister.

Let us pray with confidence to God,  
in whose sight all creation lives,  
that he will raise up in holiness and power  
the mortal body of our brother/sister  
and command his/her soul  
to be numbered among the blessed.

May God grant him/her a merciful judgement,  
deliverance from death, and pardon of sin.  
May Christ the Good Shepherd carry him/her home  
to be at peace with the Father.  
May he/she rejoice for ever  
in the presence of the eternal King  
and in the company of all the saints.

### OPTION C - cremation

Priest As we gather to commend our brother/sister **N.**  
to God our Father and to commit his/her body to be  
cremated,  
let us express in prayer our common faith in the  
resurrection.  
As Jesus Christ was raised from the dead,

we too are called to follow him through death  
to the glory where God will be all in all.

**OPTION D – a baptised child**

**Priest** God in his wisdom knows the span of our days;  
he has chosen to call to himself this child,  
whom he adopted as his own in Baptism.  
Ths body of **N.** will one day rise again  
to a new and radiant life that will never end.

Our firm belief is that **N.**, because he/she was  
baptised,  
has already entered this new life;  
our firm hope is that we shall do the same.  
Let us ask God to comfort his/her family and friends  
and to increase our desire for the joys of heaven.

**OPTION E- a child died before Baptism**

**Priest** Let us commend this child/baby to the Lord's  
merciful keeping;  
and let us pray with all our hearts for **M.** and **M.**  
Even as they grieve at the loss of their (little) child,  
they entrust him/her to the loving embrace of God.

**2.2.9.2**     *Song of Farewell*

**Priest** Saints of God, come to his/her aid!  
Hasten to meet him/her, angels of the Lord!  
**All** Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the  
Most High.  
**Priest** May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;  
may the angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

All Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High.

Priest Eternal rest grant unto N., O Lord,  
and let you perpetual light shine upon him/her.

All Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High.

### 2.2.9.3 *Sprinkling of Holy Water and Incensing*

Priest Before the sprinkling and incensing, the priest says

The sprinkling of Holy Water reminds us that through the sacrament of Baptism, we became children of God.

Priest The priest then sprinkles water around the coffin.  
After sprinkling Holy Water, the priest says

The offering of incense enhances our earthly bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit.

All The priest then put some incense into the Censor and incenses around the coffin.  
Amen.

### 2.2.9.4 *Prayer of Commendation*

Priest OPTION A – a baptised adult

Let us pray.

Into your hands, Father of mercies,

we commend our brother/sister **N.**  
in the sure and certain hope  
that together with all who have died in Christ,  
he/she will rise with him on the last day.

[We give you thanks for the blessings  
which you bestowed upon **N.** in this life:  
they are signs to us of your goodness  
and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.]

Merciful Lord,  
turn toward us and listen to our prayers:  
open the gates of paradise to your servant  
and help us who remain  
to comfort one another with the assurance of faith,  
until we all meet in Christ  
and are with you and with our brother/sister for  
ever.

Through Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

**OPTION B - a baptised child**

Priest

You are the author and sustainer of our lives, O  
God.

You are our final home.

We commend to you **N.**, our child/baby.

In Baptism he/she began his/her journey toward  
you.

Take him/her now to yourself

and give him/her the life

promised to those born again of water and the Spirit.



Turn also to us who have suffered this loss.  
Strengthen the bonds of this family and our  
community.

Confirm us in faith, in hope, and in love,  
so that we may bear your peace to one another  
and one day stand together with all the saints  
who praise you for your saving help.

We ask this in the name of your Son,  
whom you raised from among the dead,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All Amen.

**OPTION C – a child who died before Baptism**

Priest Lord God,  
ever caring and gentle,  
we commit to your love this little one **N.**,  
who brought joy to our lives for so short a time.  
Enfold him/her in eternal life.

We pray for his/her parents  
who are saddened by the loss of their child/baby.  
Give them courage  
and help them in their pain and grief.  
May they all meet one day  
in the joy and peace of your kingdom.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**2.2.9.5 Concluding Antiphon**

All May the angels lead you into paradise;  
may the martyrs come to welcome you

and take you to the holy city,  
the new and eternal Jerusalem.

#### 2.2.10 Concluding Rite

**Priest** In peace let us take our brother/sister **N.** to his/her  
place of rest.

**All** Thanks be to God.

#### 2.2.11 Recessional Hymn

**All** Sing the selected recessional hymn.

[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

Removal of Christian Symbols

The Christian symbols are removed before the  
coffin leaves the church. The pall or the white cloth  
is removed at the entrance of the church.

### 2.3 Service At Crematorium

#### 2.3.1 Introductory Hymn/Prayer

**All** Suitable opening hymn may be sung.

[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

**Priest** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the  
Holy Spirit.

**All** Amen.

**Priest** The Lord be with you.

**All** And with your spirit.

## 2.3.2 Introduction

**Priest** As we gather to commend our brother/sister **N.** to God our Father and to commit his/her body to be cremated, let us express in prayer our common faith in the resurrection. As Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, we too are called to follow him through death to the glory where God will be all in all.

## 2.3.3 Scripture Verse

**Priest** We read in the sacred Scripture:

### **OPTION A**

Matthew 25:34

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, said the Lord; inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

### **OPTION B**

John 6:39

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.

### **OPTION C**

Philippians 3:20

One true home is in heaven,  
and Jesus Christ whose return we long for  
will come from heaven to save us.

#### 2.3.4 Prayer Before Cremation

**Priest** Almighty and ever-living God,  
in you we place our trust and hope,  
in you the dead whose bodies were temples of the  
Spirit find everlasting peace.

As we take leave of **N.**,  
give our hearts peace in the firm hope  
that one day he/she will live  
in the mansion you have prepared for him/her in  
heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

**The coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water and  
incensed.**

#### 2.3.5 General Intercessions

**Priest** For our brother/sister, **N.**, let us pray to our Lord  
Jesus Christ, who said, 'I am the resurrection and  
the life. Whoever believes in me shall live even in  
death and whoever lives and believes in me shall  
never die.'

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their  
distress; draw near to us who mourn for **N.**, and dry

the tears those who weep. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

All Lord , have mercy.

Priest You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Priest You raised the dead to life; give to our brother/sister eternal life. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Priest You promised paradise to the repentant thief; bring **N.** to the joys of heaven. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Priest Our brother/sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him/her fellowship with all your saints. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Priest He/she was nourished with your body and blood; grant him/her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Priest Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of **N.**; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

### 2.3.6 The Lord's Prayer

Priest At the Saviour's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All 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.

2.3.7 Concluding Rite

2.3.7.1 *Concluding Prayer*

**OPTION A – for a baptised adult**

Priest God of holiness and power,  
accept our prayers on behalf of your servant N.;  
do not count his/her deeds against him/her,  
for in his/her heart he/she desired to do your will.  
As his/her faith united him/her to your people on  
earth,  
so may your mercy join him/her to the angels in  
heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**OPTION B**

Priest Loving God, from whom all life proceeds  
and by whose hand the dead are raised again,  
though we are sinners, you wish always to hear us.

Accept the prayers we offer in sadness  
for your servant **N.**:  
deliver his/her soul from death,  
number him/her among your saints  
and clothe him/her with the rope of salvation  
to enjoy for ever the delights of your kingdom.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**OPTION C – a baptised child**

Priest Listen, O God, to the prayers of your Church  
on behalf of the faithful departed,  
and grant to your child, **N.**,  
whose funeral we have celebrated today,  
the inheritance promised to all your saints.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**OPTION D – a child who died before Baptism**

Priest God of mercy,  
in the mystery of your wisdom  
you have drawn this child **N.** to your self.

In the midst of our pain and sorrow,  
we acknowledge you as Lord of the living and the  
dead as we search for our peace in your will.  
In these final moments we stand together in prayer,  
believing in your compassion and generous love.  
Deliver this child **N.** out of death  
and grant him/her a place in your kingdom of peace.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Priest Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord.  
All And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.  
Priest May he/she rest in peace.  
All Amen.  
Priest May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the merch of God, rest in peace.  
All Amen.

### 2.3.7.2 *Blessing*

Minister 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.  
*(lay minister blesses himself/herself)*  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

or

Priest May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ console you and gently wipe every tear from your eyes.

All Amen.

Priest May almighty God bless you the Father, and the Son, ✠and the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All Thank be to God.

All *Suitable concluding hymn may be sung.*  
*[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)*



### 3 RITES OF COMMITTAL

#### 3.1 Committal At The Grave/Tomb

##### 3.1.1 Introductory Hymn/Prayer

All **Suitable opening hymn may be sung.**  
[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

Priest In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

##### 3.1.2 Invitation

Priest We gather here to commend our brother/sister, **N.**, to God our Father and to commit his/her body to the earth. In the spirit of faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, let us offer our prayers for **N.**

##### 3.1.3 Blessing of the Grave/Tomb

**Option A**  
Priest Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
by your own three days in the tomb,  
you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you  
and so made the grave a sign of hope

that promises resurrection  
even as it claims our mortal bodies.

Grant that our brother/sister may sleep here in peace  
until you awaken him/her to glory,  
for you are the resurrection and the life.  
Then he/she will see you face to face  
and in your light will see light  
and know the splendour of God,  
for you live and reign for ever and ever.

All Amen.

**Option B**

Priest Let us pray.  
God of endless ages,  
through disobedience to your law  
we fell from grace  
and death entered the world;  
but through the obedience and resurrection of your  
Son  
you revealed to us a new life.  
You granted Abraham, our father in faith,  
a burial place in the promised land;  
you prompted Joseph of Arimathea  
to offer his own tomb for the burial of the Lord.  
In a spirit of repentance  
we earnestly ask you  
to look upon this grave and bless it,  
so that, while we commit to the earth  
the body/ashes of your servant **N**,  
his/her soul may be taken into paradise.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

### 3.1.4 Sprinkling of Holy Water on the Grave/Tomb

All

Our Father (once)

*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. Amen*

Hail Mary (once)

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Glory Be (once)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

### 3.1.5 Concluding Rite

#### 3.1.5.1 Concluding Prayer

Priest

Let us pray.

God of holiness and power,  
accept our prayers on behalf of your servant N;  
do not count his/her deeds against him/her,

for in his/her heart he/she desire to do your will.  
As his/her faith united him/her to your people on  
earth,  
so may your mercy join him/her to the angels in  
heaven.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Priest Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord.

All And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

Priest May he/she rest in peace.

All Amen.

Priest May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All Amen.

### 3.1.5.2 *Blessing*

Minister 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:  
(minister blesses himself/herself)  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

or

Priest May the love of God and the peace of the Lord  
Jesus Christ console you  
and gently wipe every tear from your eyes.

All Amen.

Priest May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠and the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
All Thanks be to God.

Suitable concluding hymn may be sung  
[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

and thereafter the family may stay and pray the  
Rosary.

## 3.2 Committal At Columbarium

### 3.2.1 Introductory Hymn/Prayer

All Suitable opening hymn may be sung.

[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

Priest In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠and of  
the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

### 3.2.2 Blessing of the Niche

Priest O God,  
by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest,  
bless ✠this niche,  
and send your holy angel to watch over it.

As we inter here  
the ashes [and bones] of our brother/sister N.,  
deliver his/her soul from every bond of sin,  
that he/she may rejoice in you with your saints for

ever.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All

Amen.

The urn is then placed into the niche and sprinkled with Holy Water.

### 3.2.3 Prayer of Intercessions

Priest

Dear friends, our Lord comes to raise the dead and comforts us with the solace of his love. Let us pray to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, Creator of the earth to which **N.** now returns: in Baptism you called him/her to eternal life to praise your Father for ever. (pause) Lord, have mercy.

All

Lord, have mercy.

Priest

Son of God, you raise up the just and clothe them with the glory of your kingdom. (pause) Lord, have mercy.

All

Lord, have mercy.

Priest

Crucified Lord, you protect the soul of **N.** by the power of your cross, and on the day of your coming you will show mercy to all the faithful departed. (pause) Lord, have mercy.

All

Lord, have mercy.

Priest

Judge the living and the dead, at your voice the tombs will open and all the just who sleep in your peace will rise and sing the glory of God. (pause)

Lord, have mercy.

All

Lord, have mercy.

Priest

All praise to you, Jesus our Saviour, death is in your hands and the living depend on your alone. (pause)

All Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

### 3.2.4 Interment

Priest My friends, as we prepare to entomb the ashes of our brother/sister **N.**, we recall that our bodies bear the imprint of the first creation when they were fashioned from dust; but in faith we remember, too, that by the new creation we also bear the image of Jesus who was raised to glory.  
In confident hope that one day God will raise us and transform our mortal bodies, let us pray.  
(pause for silent prayer)

Faithful God,  
Lord of all creation,  
you desired that nothing redeemed by your Son will ever be lost,  
and that the just will be raised up on the last day.

Comfort us today with the word of your promise as we return the ashes of our brother/sister to its resting place.

Grant **N.** a place of rest and peace where the world of dust and ashes has no dominion. Confirm us our hope that he/she will be created anew on the day when you will raise him/her up in glory to live with you and all the saints for ever and ever.

All Amen.

### 3.2.5 The Lord's Prayer

Priest Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us.

All 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.

### 3.2.6 Concluding Rite

#### 3.2.6.1 *Concluding Prayer*

#### OPTION A – for the deceased

Priest Let us pray.  
To you, we commend the soul of **N.** your servant;  
In the sight of this world he/she is now dead;  
In your sight may he/she live for ever.  
Forgive whatever sins he/she committed through  
human weakness  
and in your goodness grant him/her everlasting  
peace.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.



All Amen.

**OPTION B – for mourners**

Priest Let us pray.  
Lord God, whose days are without end  
and whose mercies beyond counting,  
keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of  
death unknown.  
Let your Spirit guide our days on earth  
in the ways of holiness and justice,  
that we may serve you  
in union with the whole Church,  
sure in faith, strong in hope, perfected in love,  
and when our earthly journey is ended,  
lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,  
where you live for ever and ever.

All Amen.

**OPTION C – for an infant**

Priest Let us pray.  
Tender Shepherd of the flock,  
**N.** has entered your kingdom,  
and now lies cradled in your love.  
Soothe the hearts of his/her parents  
and bring peace to their lives.  
Enlighten their faith  
and give hope to their hearts.

Loving God,  
grant mercy to your entire family in this time of  
suffering.  
Comfort us with the hope that this child **N.**  
lives with you and your Son, Jesus Christ,

and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Priest Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord.

All And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

Priest May he/she rest in peace.

All Amen.

Priest May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All Amen.

### 3.2.6.2 *Blessing*

Minister 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:  
(lay minister blesses himself/herself)  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

or

Priest May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ, console you and gently wipe every tear from your eyes.

All Amen.

Priest May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠and the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All Thanks by to God.

All Suitable concluding hymn may be sung.

[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

and thereafter the family may stay and pray the Rosary.

## 4 OPTIONAL READINGS AND TEXTS

### 4.1 Old Testament Readings & Responsorial Psalms

#### SET 1

**Reader** A reading from the book of Wisdom  
3:1-9

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace and accepted them as a holocaust. When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they. They shall judge nations, rule over peoples and the Lord will be their king forever. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and

mercy await those he has chosen.  
The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm  
Ps 114:5-6; 115:10-11, 15-16  
Response: Ps 114:9

Response I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of  
(R) the living.

Or  
Alleluia!

Reader How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me.

All (response)

Reader I trusted, even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted,'  
and when I said in my alarm:  
'No man can be trusted.'

All (response)

Reader O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.

All (response)

## SET 2

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
25: 6-9

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples

a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations.  
He will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
He will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us.

**All** The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 22 R v.1

**Response** The Lord is my shepherd;  
**(R)** there is nothing I shall want.

**Reader** The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

**All** (response)

**Reader** He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

All (response)

Reader You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

All (response)

Reader Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all  
the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

All (response)

## 4.2 New Testament Readings & Responsorial Psalms

### SET 1

Reader First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
10:34-36, 42-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:

‘The truth I have now come to realise,’ he said, ‘is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.’

‘It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was

brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men, and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

All

Responsorial Psalm  
Ps 62:2-6, 8-9  
R. v2

Response For you my soul is thirsting,  
O Lord, my God.

Reader O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.

All For you my soul is thirsting,  
O Lord, my God.

Reader So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

All For you my soul is thirsting,  
O Lord, my God.

Reader So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

All For you my soul is thirsting,

O Lord, my God.  
Reader You have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.  
All For you my soul is thirsting,  
O Lord, my God.

### SET 2

Leader A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans  
8:31-35, 37-39

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, nor angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the



love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129.

R. v.1 alt. R. cf. v.5

Response Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord.  
Or

I wait for the Lord,  
I count on his word.

Reader Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

All (response)

Reader If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you.

All (response)

Reader My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.

All (response)

Reader Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity.

All (response)

### SET 3

**Leader** A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the  
Corinthians  
5:1, 6-10

We know that when the test that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

We are always full of confidence, then, when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

**All** The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm  
Ps 26:1,4,7-9,13-14  
R. v.1 alt. R. v.13

**Response** The Lord is my light and my help.  
Or

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.

**Reader** The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?

All (response)

Reader There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple.

All (response)

Reader O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face.

All (response)

Reader I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord!

All (response)

#### SET 4

Reader A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans  
14:7-12

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. We shall all have to stand before the judgement seat of God; as scripture says: By my life – it is the Lord who speaks – every knee shall bend before me, and every

tongue shall praise God. It is to God, therefore, that each of us must give an account of himself.

**All** The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm  
Ps 114:5-6; 115:10-11, 15-16  
R. Ps 114:9

**Response** I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

Or  
Alleluia!

**Reader** How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me.

**All** (response)

**Reader** I trusted, even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted,'  
and when I said in my alarm:  
'No man can be trusted.'

**All** (response)

**Leader** O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.

**All** (response)

### SET 5

**Reader** A reading from the first letter of St. John  
3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future

has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:6-7, 17-18, 20-21

R. v.1 alt. R. V3

Response To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Or

Those who hope in you, O Lord,  
shall not be disappointed.

Reader Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

All (response)

Reader Relieve the anguish of my heart  
and set me free from my distress.

See my affliction and my toil  
and take all my sins away.

All (response)

Reader Preserve my life and rescue me.

Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge.  
May innocence and uprightness protect me:  
for my hope is in you, O Lord.

All (response)

### 4.3 Gospel Acclamations and Gospel Readings

#### SET 1

Gospel Acclamation

All Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the resurrection and the life,  
says the Lord,  
whoever believes in me shall never die.  
Alleluia!

Priest A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John 11:17-21

On arriving at Bethany, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother,' said Jesus to her, 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do

you believe this?’

‘Yes, Lord,’ she said, ‘I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.’

All The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All SET 2  
Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

It is my Father’s will, says the Lord,  
that whoever believes in the Son,  
shall have eternal life,  
and that I shall raise him up on the last day.  
Alleluia!

Priest A reading from the Holy Gospel according to  
John 14:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father’s house;  
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,  
I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord we do not know where you are  
going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said:

‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.’

**All** The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**SET 3**

**All** Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Our homeland is in heaven,  
and from heaven comes the Saviour we are waiting  
for, the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

**Priest** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to  
Luke 12:35-40

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

The Gospel of the Lord.



All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SET 4

All Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.

Alleluia.

Priest A reading from the Holy Gospel according to  
Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of  
heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the  
learned and the clever and revealing them to mere  
children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you  
to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my  
Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father,  
just as no one knows the Father except the Son and  
those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.'

'Come to me, all you who labour and are  
overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my  
yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble  
in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes,  
my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SET 5

All Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

It is my Father's will, says the Lord,  
that I should lose nothing  
of all that he has given to me,  
and that I should raise it up on the last day.  
Alleluia!

**Priest** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to  
John 17:24-26

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:  
'Father,  
I want those you have given me  
to be with me where I am,  
so that they may always see the glory  
you have given me  
because you loved me  
before the foundation of the world.  
Father, Righteous One,  
the world has not known you,  
but I have known you,  
and these have known  
that you have sent me.  
I have made your name known to them  
and will continue to make it known  
so that the love with which you loved me may be in  
them,  
and so that I may be in them.'

**All** The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## 4.4 Other Prayers For Various Needs

### 4.4.1 Collect

#### OUTSIDE EASTER TIME

##### Prayer 1

**Priest** O God, whose nature  
is always to forgive and to show mercy,  
we humbly implore you for your servant **N.**,  
whom you have called (this day) to journey to you,  
and, since he/she hoped and believed in you,  
grant that he/she may be led to our true homeland  
to delight in its everlasting joys.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**All** Amen.

##### Prayer 2

**Priest** O God, who are mercy for sinners  
and the happiness of your Saints,  
give, we pray, to your servant **N.**,  
for whom (today) we perform the fraternal offices of  
burial,  
a share with your chosen ones in the blessedness  
you give,  
so that on the day of resurrection,  
freed from the bonds of mortality,  
he/she may come before your face.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

### Prayer 3

Priest

O God, who have set a limit to this present life,  
so as to open up an entry into eternity,  
we humbly beseech you,  
that by the grace of your mercy  
you may command the name of your servant **N.**  
to be inscribed in the book of life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

### EASTER TIME

#### Prayer 4

Priest

O God, who through the ending of present things  
open up the beginning of things to come,  
grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant **N.**  
may be led by you  
to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

#### Prayer 5

Priest

O God, who alone are able to give life after death,

free your servant **N.** from all sins,  
that he/she, who belived in the Resurrection of your  
Christ,  
may, when the day of resurrection comes,  
be united with you in glory.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

All

### A BAPTISED CHILD

#### Prayer 6

Priest Most compassionate God,  
who in the counsels of your wisdom  
have called this little child to yourself  
on the very threshold of life,  
listen kindly to our prayers  
and grant that one day we may inherit eternal life  
with him/her,  
whom, by the grace of Baptism,  
you have adopted as your own child  
and who we believe is dwelling even now in your  
Kingdom.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

All

#### Prayer 7

Priest O God, who know that our hearts  
are weighed down by grief

at the death of this young child,  
grant that, while we weep for him/her,  
who at your bidding has departed this life so soon,  
we may have faith that he/she has gained  
an eternal home in heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

### A CHILD WHO DIED BEFORE BAPTISM

#### Prayer 8

Priest

Receive the prayer of your faithful, Lord,  
and grant that those you allow to be weighed down  
by their longing for the child taken from them  
may be raised up by faith to hope in your  
compassion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

#### Prayer 9

Priest

O God, searcher of hearts and most loving consoler,  
who know the faith of these parents,  
grant that, as they mourn their child,  
now departed from this life,  
they may be assured  
that he/she has been entrusted to your divine  
compassion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

**FOR THE ONE WHO WORKED IN THE  
SERVICE OF THE GOSPEL**

**Prayer 10**

Priest

WE humbly beseech your mercy,  
O Lord, for your servant **N.**,  
that, having worked tirelessly  
for the spread of the Gospel,  
he/she may merit to enter into the rewards of the  
Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

**FOR A YOUNG PERSON**

**Prayer 11**

Priest

O God, who direct our life in all its moments,  
who humbly entrust to you this your servant **N.**,  
whom we mourn as one whose life  
was completed in so short a time;  
grant that he/she may flourish, for ever young,  
in the happiness of your house.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

## FOR ONE WHO SUFFERED A LONG ILLNESS

### Prayer 12

Priest O God, who called your servant **N.**  
to serve you in affliction and sickness,  
grant, we pray,  
that he/she, who followed your Son's example of  
suffering,  
may also receive the reward of his glory.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

## FOR ONE WHO DIED SUDDENLY

### Prayer 13

Priest Show us, Lord, the immense power of your  
goodness,  
that, as we weep for our brother/sister **N.**,  
taken from us by a sudden death,  
we may be confident that he/she has passed over  
into your eternal company.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

## 4.4.2 Prayer Over The Offerings

## OUTSIDE EASTER TIME

### Prayer 1



Priest As we humbly present to you  
these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,  
for salvation of the servant N.,  
we beseech your mercy,  
that he/she, who did not doubt your Son  
to be a loving Saviour,  
may find in him a merciful Judge.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All Amen.

### Prayer 2

Priest Be near, O Lord, we pray, to your servant N.,  
on whose funeral day  
we offer you this sacrifice of conciliation,  
so that, should any stain of sin have clung to  
him/her  
or any human fault have affected him/her,  
it may, by your loving gift, be forgiven and wiped  
away.  
Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

### EASTER TIME

#### Prayer 3

Priest Look favourably on our offerings, O Lord,  
so that your departed servant N.  
may be taken up into glory with your Son,  
in whose great mystery of love we are all united.  
Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

#### Prayer 4

Priest Almighty and merciful God,

by means of these sacrificial offerings,  
wash away, we pray, in the Blood of Christ,  
the sins of your departed servant **N.**,  
and purify unceasingly by your merciful forgiveness  
those you once cleansed in the waters of Baptism.  
Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

### A BAPTISED CHILD

#### Prayer 5

Priest Sanctify these offerings we bring you, O Lord,  
that the parents, who now entrust to you  
the child you gave to them,  
may come to embrace him/her with joy in your  
Kingdom.

Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

### A CHILD WHO DIED BEFORE BAPTISM

#### Prayer 6

Priest Graciously accept this offerng, O God,  
as a sign of our devotion,  
so that, trusting in the designs of your providence,  
we may be raised up by your gentle and fatherly  
care.

Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## 4.4.3 Prayer After Communion

### OUTSIDE EASTER TIME

#### Prayer 1

Priest Lord God, whose Son left us,  
in the Sacrament of his Body,  
food for the journey,  
mercifully grant that, strengthened by it,  
our brother/sister **N.** may come  
to eternal table of Christ.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All Amen.

### Prayer 2

Priest Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that your servant **N.**,  
who (today) has journeyed from this world,  
may by this sacrifice be cleansed and freed from sin  
and so receive the everlasting joys of the  
resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

### EASTER TIME

#### Prayer 3

Priest Grant, we pray, O Lord, that your servant **N.**,  
for whom we have celebrated this paschal  
Sacrament,  
may pass over to a dwelling place of light and  
peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

#### Prayer 4

Priest Having received the Sacrament of your Only  
Begotten Son,  
who was sacrificed for us and rose in glory,

we humbly implore you, O Lord,  
for your departed servant **N.**,  
that, cleansed by the paschal mysteries,  
he/she may glory in the gift of the resurrection to  
come.

Through Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

### A BAPTISED CHILD

#### Prayer 5

Priest Nourished by your divine gifts,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that, just as you have given this little child  
a place at the table in your heavenly Kingdom,  
we, too, may find a place there.

Through Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

### A CHILD WHO DIED BEFORE BAPTISM

#### Prayer 7

Priest Having received the Communion  
of your Son's Body and Blood, O Lord,  
we ask you faithfully  
to comfort amid the sorrows of this life  
those whom you have graciously nourished  
by these sacred mysteries,  
so as to strengthn their hope of life eternal.

Through Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

#### 4.4.4 Prayer of The Faithful

##### SET A

**Priest** Brothers and sisters, Jesus is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voice of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayer to his:

Response: Hear our prayer.

**Reader** In Baptism, **N.** received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. (pause) Lord in your mercy.

**All** Hear our prayer.

**Reader** Our brother/sister **N.** was nourished at the table of the Saviour. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. (pause) Lord in your mercy.

**All** Hear our prayer.

**Reader** (for a religious)

Our brother/sister **N.** spent his/her life following Jesus in poverty, chastity and obedience. Count him/her among all holy men and women who sing in your court. (pause) Lord in your mercy.

**All** Hear our prayer.

**Reader** (for a bishop or priest)

Our brother **N.** shared in the priesthood of Jesus Christ, leading God's people in prayer and worship. Bring him into your presence where he will be taking his place in the heavenly liturgy. (pause) Lord in your mercy.

**All** Hear our prayer.

Reader (for a deacon)

Our brother **N.** served God's people as a deacon of the Church. Prepare a place for him in your Kingdom which he faithfully proclaimed.  
(pause) Lord in your mercy.

All Hear our prayer.

Reader Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the Kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. (pause) Lord in your mercy.

All Hear our prayer.

Reader Many people die by violence, war and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love and gather them in the eternal Kingdom of peace. (pause) Lord in your mercy.

All Hear our prayer.

#### CONCLUDING PRAYER

Priest Lord God,  
giver of peace and healer of souls,  
hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ,  
and the voices of your people,  
whose lives were purchased by the blood of the Lamb.

Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ  
and grant them a place in the Kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**SET B  
FOR A CHILD**

**Priest** Let us pray for **N.**, his/her family and friends, and for all God's people.  
Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader** For **N.**, child of God [and heir to the kingdom], that he/she be held securely in God's loving embrace now and for all eternity. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader** For **N.**'s family, especially his/her mother and father, [his/her brother(s) and sister(s),] that they feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader** For **N.**'s friends, those who played with him/her and those who cared for him/her, that they be consoled in their loss and strengthened in their love for one another. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader** For all parents who grieve over the death of their children, that they be comforted in the knowledge that their children dwell with God. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader** For children who have died of hunger and disease, that these little ones be seated close to the Lord at this heavenly table. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader** For the whole Church, that we prepare worthily for the hour of our death, when God will call us by name to pass from this world to the next.  
(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Priest

Lord God,  
you entrusted **N.** to our care  
and now you embrace him/her in your love.  
Take **N.** into your keeping  
together with all children who have died.  
Comfort us, your sorrowing servants,  
who seek to do your will  
and to know your saving peace.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.



## 5 SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

### 5.1 DAY 1

Leader Theme:  
Lord we offer...

All **Suitable hymn to be sung.**  
[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

Leader Opening Prayer:

God merciful Father, we offer to you our brother/sister **N.**, who has departed from this earthly life. It was you who gave life; it is you who have taken it back in accordance to your Holy will. Grant **N.** your eternal light and peace, and shower upon the relatives your comfort and consolation. Through Christ our lord.

All Amen.

Leader Word of God  
John 16:20-22  
*No one shall take your joy away from you.*

I tell you most solemnly, you will be weeping and wailing while the world will rejoice, you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy.

A woman in childbirth suffers, because her time has come; but when she has given birth to the child she forgets the suffering in her joy that a man has been

born into the world.

So it is with you: you are sad now, but I shall see you again, and your hearts will be full of joy, and that joy no one shall take from you.

Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Leader Reflection:

We come here to sympathise with the close relatives of **N**. They are in sorrow, in tears because they have lost someone dear to them. Yet, death is a reality we cannot avoid; all of us have to face it someday.

Yet Jesus who has conquered death tells us that this experience of pain, sorrow, tears, is only for a time. For those who believe in Him there is promise of joy even after death.

God gave our brother/sister **N**. to us; he has taken him/her back. Let us offer our brother/sister back to the Father with faith, hope, and trust. In this act of offering, let us humbly bow down to God's holy will.

(PAUSE)

## **RECITE THE ROSARY THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 1<sup>st</sup> Glorious Mystery:

### **The Resurrection**

*Jesus rises glorious and immortal, three days after His death.*

Jesus died: it was the Father's plan. But death was not the end: Jesus rose again to life. **N.** has died in the faith. We pray that he/she may enjoy eternal life.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

### **Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Fatima Prayer**

All O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Decade**

Leader Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Glorious Mystery:

### **The Ascension**

*Jesus ascends into Heaven forty days after His Resurrection.*

Jesus had completed his work of redemption: He returned to the Father. The Father crowned Him with glory. **N.** has finished his/her course of life on earth. Let us pray the Father may purify our brother/sister of all stain of sin and grant him/her the glory of eternal life and peace.

### **Our Father Prayer**

Leader Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All 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. Amen

### **Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

Leader Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

Leader Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Fatima Prayer**

All O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Decade**

Leader Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Glorious Mystery:

### **Descent of the Holy Spirit**

*The Holy Spirit descends upon Mary and the Apostles.*

The Spirit transformed the lives of the apostles and disciples of the Church. It gave new life to the Church. It gave Christians the courage even to risk death and look beyond death. Let us pray for the relatives of our departed brother/sister: that they be strengthened in the faith, and hope.

### **Our Father Prayer**

Leader Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All 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. Amen

**Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

Leader Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Glory Be**

Leader Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Fatima Prayer**

All O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

**4<sup>th</sup> Decade**

Leader Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 4<sup>th</sup> Glorious Mystery:

**The Assumption**

*The Blessed mother is united with her Divine Son in heaven.*

The power of Jesus' Resurrection transformed Mary's life. We believe she was assumed into

heaven, body and soul. This belief assures us that our mortal lives will be transformed too. Let us praise the Lord for the gift of Faith to our brother/sister **N**.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

### **Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 5<sup>th</sup> Glorious Mystery:

**The Coronation**

*Mary is gloriously crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth.*

Mary's prayer "The Lord has done great things for me, all generations shall call me blessed" was realised at last. This was the result of her perfect submission to God's Word.

**Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

**Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



### **Fatima Prayer**

All O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

### **Intercessions**

Leader That the soul of **N.** find eternal rest and peace. We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, bless us with life and peace.

Leader That the relatives of the departed be blessed with the Spirit's comfort and consolation in their moment of grief. We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, bless us with life and peace.

Leader That we who are alive may always be awake in faith and Christian living so that we be always prepared to face the reality of death. We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, bless us with life and peace.

### **Concluding Prayer**

Leader God loving Father, welcome in your tender mercy the soul of **N.**, for whom we have offered these prayers and petitions. As he/she belonged to the community of the faithful here on earth, may he/she rejoice forever in the glorious community of your Saints in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

### **Hymn**

All Suitable hymn may be sung.

[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

## 5.2 DAY 2

Leader Theme:

Lord have mercy

All [Suitable hymn to be sung.](#)

[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

Leader Opening Prayer:

All holy God, when you created us, death was not in your plans. Death came as the sad consequence of our disobedience to your love and Holy Will. We implore your mercy on behalf of **N.** who has left this world. May our humble plea earn the good fruit of forgiveness and eternal peace to our brother/sister. Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Leader Word of God

Luke 12:15-21

*A man's life is not made secure by what he owns.*

Jesus said to the crowd:

‘Watch and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man’s life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘There was once a rich man who having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, ‘What am I to do? I have enough room to store my crops.’ Then he said, ‘This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them,

and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.'

But God said to him, 'Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?' So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

**All** Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Leader** Reflection:

This earth is not our eternal home; we are meant for the eternal Kingdom of heaven. Our vocation on earth is to live lives always pleasing to the Father. Let us reflect: the death which happened to our brother/sister will happen to us, sooner or later.

Have we not more often placed our interests in things material than spiritual? What have we done about Faith life, Prayer life in the family? How much time and interest did we give? Lord have mercy! Pardon us our faults!

(PAUSE)

## **RECITE THE ROSARY THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the  
1<sup>st</sup> Joyful Mystery:

### **The Annunciation**

*The Archangel Gabriel appears to Mary  
announcing she is to be the Mother of God*

It was good News of life to the world which was dead in sin. Mary welcomed God's Word wholeheartedly. Let us ask the Lord's pardon for the times we and our departed brother/sister have failed to welcome generously God's Word of love, peace, reconciliation, conversion.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

### **Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Fatima Prayer**

All O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Decade**

Leader Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joyful Mystery:

**The Visitation**

*Elizabeth greets Mary: “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb!”*

It was a beautiful act of charity on the part of Mary. Was our departed brother/sister well attended to during periods of sickness; by the family, or by us Christian neighbours? Perhaps we are aware of his/her lack of charity sometimes. Let us pray for the Lord’s forgiveness.

**Our Father Prayer**

Leader Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All 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. Amen

**Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women and blessed is the  
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now  
and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit.

**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

### **Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the  
fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those  
in most need of thy mercy.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Joyful Mystery:

### **The Nativity**

*The Virgin Mary gives birth to the Redeemer of the  
World.*

Birth means life! Jesus' birth is remembered every  
year by the whole world. We celebrate Christmas.  
We remember our own birthdays. But do we ever  
remember the day of our NEW BIRTH – the day of  
our Baptism? Are we proud of this new birth? Have  
we supported one another to live up to our vocation  
as God's chosen, holy nation? We ask for the Lord's  
mercy for ourselves and for our departed

brother/sister.

**Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

**Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

**4<sup>th</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 4<sup>th</sup> Joyful Mystery:

## **The Presentation**

*The Blessed Mother presents the Child Jesus in the Temple.*

Jesus came to fulfill the Father's plan of bringing salvation to the world. It was proper that He be presented to God. All of us, together with our brother/sister **N.** were presented to God on the day of our Baptism. But we are sadly aware of our frequent failures to fulfill the Father's Holy Will. Let us pray that we may rise up in our Faith and Christian living.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

### **Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,



world without end. Amen.

### **Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 5<sup>th</sup> Joyful Mystery:

### **The Finding in the Temple**

*The Blessed Mother finds Jesus in the Temple.*

The boy Jesus was missing from their company. Let us reflect on the anxiety of Mary and Joseph; they searched for Him restlessly until they found Him on the third day. There were times when we found ourselves drifting away, or lost in our faith-life, or Christian living. We are in no hurry to put things right, or to correct one another. Let us pray for mercy.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

### **Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women and blessed is the  
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now  
and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit.

**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

### **Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the  
fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those  
in most need of thy mercy.

### **Intercessions**

**Leader** That through the humble prayers of this community  
of believers our departed brother/sister **N.** may  
receive your mercy and eternal peace. We pray to  
the Lord.

**All** Lord have mercy.

**Leader** For whatever sorrow, or pain, or neglect the  
relatives and friends of **N.** might have caused during  
his/her life time, we ask for forgiveness. We pray to  
the Lord.

**All** Lord have mercy.

**Leader** For being slow in responding to your invitation to  
conversion of heart, we plead for the Lord's  
forgiveness. We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, bless us with life and peace.

Leader For the times we have not sufficiently cared for the sick, the aged, the lonely, we plead for forgiveness. We pray to the Lord.

All Lord, bless us with life and peace.

### **Concluding Prayer**

All God, abounding in love and tender mercy, welcome these humble prayers of your people on behalf of **N.** who has left this world. Purify him/her of all stain of sin and welcome him/her into the glorious communion of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn**

All **Suitable hymn may be sung.**

[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

## **5.3 DAY 3**

Leader Theme:  
“Your brother/sister will live.”

All **Suitable hymn to be sung.**

[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

Leader All powerful ever living God, we come together to offer you this prayer of praise on behalf of **N.** who has died in faith. Through the resurrection of your Son, you assure us today that for your faithful people death is those who believe even though they

die, shall live. Brighten up with this hope the lives of the family of N. and grant him/her the joy of Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Leader Word of God  
John 11:21-27  
*I am the resurrection and the life.*

Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her, 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.'

Jesus said:  
'I am the resurrection and the life.  
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.  
Do you believe this?'  
'Yes, Lord,' she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into the world.'

All Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Leader Reflection:

Jesus's Resurrection is so powerful that it has destroyed the power of Satan and sin. Where sin

brought death, Jesus' resurrection restored life. To those of us who mourn over the death of our brother/sister **N**. Jesus says, "Your brother/sister shall live, do you believe this?" Let us pluck up our faith and hope, look beyond our sorrowing and proclaim with Martha, "Yes, Lord, I believe!"

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## **RECITE THE ROSARY THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 1<sup>st</sup> Glorious Mystery:

#### **The Resurrection**

*Jesus rises glorious and immortal, three days after His death.*

Jesus' Resurrection is His victory over Satan, Sin and Death. Through Baptism we have risen to new life, so too our brother/sister **N**. Let us thank and praise God for the gift of Faith and Baptism of **N**.

#### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

**Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women and blessed is the  
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now  
and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit.

**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

**Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the  
fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those  
in most need of thy mercy.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Glorious Mystery:

**The Ascension**

*Jesus ascends into Heaven forty days after His  
Resurrection.*

God the Father joyfully welcomed His Son for so  
faithfully accomplishing His work of redeeming the  
world. He rewarded Him with all power, authority  
and glory. It is Jesus our Head, our Leader in glory!  
There is reason to be joyful, hopeful, even in the  
face of death. Let us share this hope, consolation,

joy with one another, especially with the family of our departed brother/sister.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

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**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

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### **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Glorious Mystery:

## **Descent of the Holy Spirit**

*The Holy Spirit descends upon Mary and the Apostles.*

The Holy Spirit filled the lives of the timid Apostles with astonishing hope, courage and joy. No matter what the cost, even risking their own lives, they went about announcing the Good News: “Jesus lives! Jesus is risen!” Let us welcome the indwelling grace of the Holy Spirit within us. We are temples of the Spirit. **N.** has been a temple of the Spirit. May we wake up from sorrow and distress and radiate peace and joy.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

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**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the



Holy Spirit.

All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Fatima Prayer**

All O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

**4<sup>th</sup> Decade**

Leader Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 4<sup>th</sup> Glorious Mystery:

**The Assumption**

*The Blessed Mother is united with her Divine Son in heaven.*

Mary's presence in heaven is a proof that all those who accept God's Word and live by it possess eternal life. Mary was uniquely privileged to receive God's word that the Word might become Flesh in her. It was in the power of God's living Word that our departed brother/sister was baptised and lived his/her faith. May we live by God's Word which gives life.

**Our Father Prayer**

Leader Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All 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. Amen

**Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

**5<sup>th</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 5<sup>th</sup> Glorious Mystery:

**The Coronation**

*Mary is gloriously crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth.*

Mary's unique greatness and holiness among all creatures are summarised in these words: "Hail full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women". She has played her role as Mother of Saviour most beautifully. Today she shines out in

heaven as the blessed among all creatures. Similarly we believe God our merciful Father rewards our departed brother/sister for his/her faith and good deeds. As we pray for the repose of his/her soul, let us also pray that we persevere in doing good.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

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### **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

### **Intercessions**

**Leader** That we may persevere in our daily living as Christians in a spirit of joy and hope. We pray to the Lord.

**All** Jesus, risen Lord, strengthen our faith.

**Leader** That we may not despair in our faith, in moments of hardships, trials and disappointments. We pray to the Lord.

**All** Jesus, risen Lord, strengthen our faith.

**Leader** That all relatives and friends of our departed brother/sister may rise up stronger in Christian faith, hope and joy because of Jesus' promise of eternal life to those who die in faith. We pray to the Lord.

**All** Jesus, risen Lord, strengthen our faith.

### **Concluding Prayer**

**All** God of love and consolation, we thank you for assuring us the hope of life even after death. As our brother/sister **N.** believed in and followed Jesus your Son, grant him/her the peace and joy of eternal life in heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn**

**All** Suitable hymn may be sung.

## **5.4 DAY FOUR**

**Leader** Theme:  
Watch and pray.

All Suitable hymn to be sung.

Leader God our heavenly Father you have taught us through your Son that we do not have a lasting city here on earth; therefore we should always watch and pray, and be ready because we do not know when you will call us. May this departure of N. our brother/sister from this life prompt us to be always awake in faith, prayer and good works. In your mercy and love grant N. eternal rest and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Leader Word of God  
Matthew 25:1-13  
*The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:  
‘The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible; the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.

The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.’

At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, ‘Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.’ But they replied, ‘There may not be enough for

us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.’ They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed.

The other bridesmaids arrived later. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us’. But he replied, ‘I tell you solemnly, I do not know you.’ So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.’

Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

All

Leader Reflection:

As we think of our departed brother/sister **N.**, it is good to ask ourselves: “When will our turn come? How? Where? In what state shall we be at the moment of death: prepared? Happy and at peace? Satisfied that we have led a meaningful life? Shall we be in fear, frustration and misery? To be always ready: to be awake in faith-life, prayer-life, in acts of charity – this is Jesus code Word: “Be always ready”. Jesus was always prepared.

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## **RECITE THE ROSARY THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the  
1<sup>st</sup> Sorrowful Mystery:

### **Agony in the Garden**

*At Gethsemane Jesus prays as He contemplates the  
sins of the world.*

It was a very trying period in the life of Jesus. He felt terribly isolated: His disciples were sleeping; His Father seemed to be silent. Jesus felt the horror and weight of sin and suffering. Yet He was prepared to face all situations. He submitted to His Father's plan with: "Your Will be done." It is God's Will that our brother/sister **N.** should leave this world. May we always respect God's Will in our lives.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

### **Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sorrowful Mystery:

### **The Scourging**

*Jesus is cruelly scourged until His mortified body could bear no more.*

Jesus accepted all these humiliations and tortures silently and patiently. Let us offer to the Father whatever pains, sufferings, sicknesses our brother/sister **N.** has to undergo especially during the last moments of life. We offer also the sorrows, tensions and pains of the relatives. May our brother/sister rest in peace.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

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**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

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**Fatima Prayer**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sorrowful Mystery:

**Crowning with Thorns**

*A crown of thorns is placed on the head of Jesus.*

Jesus the King of love had to undergo unheard of insults and mockery. The world made fun of Him as a king; but He was indeed the King in prayer and humble submission to the Father's Will for the sake of our redemption. Let us pray that we may not be

discouraged in the face of the little thorns of pain, disappointment, even loss of our dear ones. Jesus the King of love reigns, so too all those who live and die in His love.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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### **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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### **Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sorrowful Mystery:

### **Carrying of the Cross**

*Jesus carries the heavy cross upon His shoulders to Calvary.*

Crucifixion was a form of death sentence reserved for criminals. Jesus was counted among them. This humiliation was further accentuated by the presence of two criminals hanging alongside Him. Jesus saw God's Will in His crucifixion. He prayed for our forgiveness on the Cross. May the power of Jesus' prayer bring eternal life to our brother/sister **N.**, peace and consolation to the relatives.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

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**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sorrowful Mystery:

### **The Crucifixion**

*Jesus is nailed to the Cross and dies after hours of Agony.*

It was God's Will that Jesus should die on the Cross. Jesus beautifully submitted Himself to the Father's plan: "Into your hands I commend my spirit," he prayed. He died to give us life. The power of Jesus' death has brought hope of new life to **N**. May all of us gathered here appreciate and follow God's Will for us.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

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**Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

**Intercessions**

**Leader** That all family members of **N.** may further grow in Christian love and unity through regular and faith-filled family prayer. We pray to the Lord.

**All** Father, your Will be done at all times.

**Leader** That we may always keep awake in faithful Christian living so that when the Lord calls us we will be prepared to meet Him. We pray to the Lord.

**All** Father, your Will be done at all times.

**Leader** That the prayer of this Community may purify the soul of **N.** from all stain of sin and enable him/her to

**All** celebrate the joy of heaven. We pray to the Lord.  
Father, your Will be done at all times.

**Leader** That in our trials and temptations, struggles and tensions we may discern God’s Will and live on courageously in submission to His Will. We pray to the Lord.

**All** Father, your Will be done at all times.

### **Concluding Prayer**

**All** God, our merciful Father, it is your Will that our brother/sister **N.** should pass away from this life. May he/she now enjoy the eternal life you have promised to all those who believe in your Son. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn**

**All** **Suitable hymn may be sung.**  
[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

## **5.5 DAY FIVE**

**Leader** Theme:  
Hope: “I am the Resurrection and the Life”

**All** **Suitable hymn to be sung.**  
[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

**Leader** God our heavenly Father, you have given us hope of life through the resurrection of your Son. We gather here with confidence praying for our departed brother/sister **N.**, that he/she may share in the eternal life you have promised. In your mercy, wipe

away all traces of pain and sorrow from the hearts of the bereaved relatives; fill our lives with the joy and hope of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Leader Word of God  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
*We shall stay with the Lord forever.*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

All Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Leader Reflection:

Jesus had died: Jesus has risen. This is a historical fact. This is the very foundation of the faith of Christianity. All those who die in Christ will have the similar experience of rising to new life. We recall Jesus' words: "I have come, so that they may have life and have it to the full."

No doubt being human beings we feel sad that **N.** has passed away. Let us listen to Jesus challenging us: "I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies, he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." Do you believe this? Like Martha, let us answer: "Yes Lord." With those words let us comfort and console one another.

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## **RECITE THE ROSARY THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Decade**

Leader Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 1<sup>st</sup> Luminous Mystery:

#### **Baptism of Jesus**

*Christ's Baptism and the Holy Spirit.*

Then Jesus came from Galilee to Jordan to be baptised by John. But John tried to deter Him, saying, "I need to be baptised by you, and yet you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is



proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.”

Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptised, He came up from the water. Suddenly, Heaven opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, coming down on Him. And a voice from Heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.”

This same assurance of life is given to **N.**, who was baptised in Christ and died in Him. Let us thank God for the gift of New Life.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

### **Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the

Holy Spirit.  
**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

**Fatima Prayer**  
**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the  
fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those  
in most need of thy mercy.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Decade**  
**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Luminous Mystery:

### **The Wedding at Cana**

*Christ's self-revelation at the wedding at Cana.*

On the third day, a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and His disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to Him, "They have no more wine." "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then He told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine.

May we learn to see your glory revealed in the sights, sounds and symbols of our faith.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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### **Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the

3<sup>rd</sup> Luminous Mystery:

### **Proclaiming the Kingdom**

*Christ's proclamation of the Kingdom of God.*

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about Him spread all over Syria, and people brought to Him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralysed, and He healed them.

We believe in your promises of salvation. Grant us a spirit of true repentance, that we may experience its fruits.

### **Our Father Prayer**

Leader

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All

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. Amen

### **Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

Leader

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 4<sup>th</sup> Luminous Mystery:

### **The Transfiguration of Jesus**

*They lifted up their eyes, and saw no one but Jesus.*

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There He was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say. They were so frightened. Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to

Him!”

Remove the veil from our faces which is the cares and distractions of the world, so that we may worship you with heart and mind.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

### **Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Decade

Leader Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 5<sup>th</sup> Luminous Mystery:

### **The Institution of the Holy Eucharist**

*I tell you I shall not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom.*

When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

May we always reverence these sacred mysteries and so experience the redemption you won for us.

### **Our Father Prayer**

Leader Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All 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. Amen

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Leader Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Glory Be**

Leader Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Fatima Prayer**

All O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

**Intercessions**

Leader That the prayer of hope we offer in Jesus' Name on behalf of N., who has left us may lead him/her to the joys of heaven. We pray to the Lord.

All Jesus, our life and Resurrection, hear us.

Leader That as members of the Risen Lord, we may continue to live as signs of hope and joy before the world inspite of trials, sufferings, even death. We pray to the Lord.



All Jesus, our life and Resurrection, hear us.

Leader That we comfort, console and encourage one another, especially those who experience sorrow through our care, concern and Christian charity. We pray to the Lord.

All Jesus, our life and Resurrection, hear us.

Leader That the family of our departed brother/sister **N.** be comforted by God's Word of hope and that they may rise up to a deeper life of Christian faith and unity. We pray to the Lord.

All Jesus, our life and Resurrection, hear us.

### **Concluding Prayer**

All God our Father, we thank you for guiding this prayer meeting through the power and wisdom of your Spirit. Thank you for the message of hope you have given your faithful people. May our brother/sister **N.** enjoy your peace; and eternal life in heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn**

All **Suitable hymn may be sung.**  
[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

## **5.6 DAY SIX**

Leader Theme:  
"You cared for me."

All **Suitable hymn to be sung.**  
[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

**Leader** God our merciful Father, we gather here in imitation of your Son who came not to be served but to serve. We pray for your gift of eternal peace to the soul of our brother/sister **N**. We also implore you to shower down your consoling grace upon the bereaved family members. Listen to our prayers and grant our requests. Through Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

**Leader** Word of God  
Tobit 2:1-8

In the reign of Esarhaddon, therefore, I returned home, and my wife Anna was restored to me with my son Tobias. At our feast of Pentecost (the feast of Weeks) there was a good dinner. I took my place for the meal; the table was brought to me and various dishes were brought. I then said to my son Tobias, Go, my child, and seek out some poor loyal hearted man among our brothers exiled in Nineveh, and bring him to share my meal. I will wait until you come back, my child.'

So Tobias went out to look for some poor man among our brothers, but he came back again and said, 'Father!' I replied, 'What is it, my child?' he went on, 'Father, one of our nation has just been murdered; he has been strangled and then thrown down in the market place; he is there still.'

I sprang up at once, left my meal untouched, took the man from the market place and laid him in one

of my rooms, waiting until sunset to bury him.

I came in again and washed myself and ate my bread in sorrow, remembering the words of the prophet Amos concerning Bethel:

*Your feasts will be turned into mourning, and all your songs to lamentation.*

And I wept. When the sun was down, I went and dug a grave and buried him. My neighbours laughed and said, 'See! He is not afraid anymore.' (You must remember that a price had been set on my head earlier for this very thing.) 'Once before he had to flee, yet here he is, beginning to bury the dead again.'

Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Leader

Reflection:

Dear friends, let us thank the Lord for giving all of us the generosity to sympathise and pray with this family of our departed brother/sister **N**.

The Word of God reminds us that caring for those in sorrow and pain, even burying the dead is a praiseworthy work of mercy before the Lord. We remember Jesus telling us that whatever we do even to the least of His brethren, we do it to Him! May our prayerful presence console and encourage the bereaved family of **N**. We are confident that the

Lord will favourably answer our prayers and grant eternal light and peace to our brother/sister.

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## **RECITE THE ROSARY THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 1<sup>st</sup> Joyful Mystery:

### **The Annunciation**

*The Angel Gabriel appears to Mary, announcing she is to be the Mother of God.*

The Angel Gabriel was God's Messenger who brought the good News to Mary that she was to be the Mother of the Saviour. It was Good News of salvation to the whole world. Our presence here, our prayers are Good News of consolation, peace and comfort to the bereaved family of **N**. Let us pray for the repose fo the soul of our brother/sister.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

### **Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joyful Mystery:

### **The Visitation**

*Elizabeth greets Mary: “Blessed are you among women and blessed in the fruit of your womb!”*

Mary visited Elizabeth to be of help to her. Let us offer to the Lord whatever help, comfort, peace our departed brother/sister has given to families and neighbours. May we always be on the alert to run to the aid of the poor, the suffering, the sorrowful.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Joyful Mystery:

**The Nativity**

*The Virgin Mary gives birth to the Redeemer of the World.*

It was Good News to the world: Salvation was born. We rejoice that **N.** our brother/sister was born anew in Christ on the day of Baptism. May he/she experience this joy of salvation in heaven today.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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## **4<sup>th</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 4<sup>th</sup> Joyful Mystery:

### **The Presentation**

*The Blessed Mother presents the Child Jesus in the Temple.*

The Child Jesus was offered for God's service. We benefited from this offering: Salvation has touched us. Let us offer ourselves in service to one another. We pray that the family of **N.** may offer him/her back to God with a spirit of resignation to His Holy Will. We offer this decade for all members of the family.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

### **Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**



**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

**5<sup>th</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 5<sup>th</sup> Joyful Mystery:

**The Finding in the Temple**

*The Blessed Mother finds Jesus in the Temple.*

What great consolation and joy Mary and Joseph must have experienced to find Jesus after three days of search! Jesus found all of us and our departed brother/sister too not once, but so many times after we were lost in sin. Let us thank God for this “Amazing Grace!”. May we continue to find one another in Christian charity whenever we are at a loss in sadness, pain, loneliness, sickness.

**Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
**All** 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. Amen

**Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

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**Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

**Intercessions**

**Leader** That Christians all over the world continue to make present Jesus' everlasting love and care through their acts of concern, care, charity to all those in need. We pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord Jesus, grant us a generous heart.

**Leader** That the good example of faith and Christian love set by our departed brother/sister be always remembered and imitated by all members of the family. We pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord Jesus, grant us a generous heart.

**Leader** That the spirit of Christian service, especially works of mercy to the poor, suffering, sick, bereaved, spread generously in our neighbourhood and BEC. We pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord Jesus, grant us a generous heart.

**Leader** That the Lord in his eternal mercy welcome our brother/sister **N.** into the joys of heaven. We pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord Jesus, grant us a generous heart.

### **Concluding Prayer**

**All** Ever lasting and merciful God, we thank you for your guiding presence over our prayer gathering this evening. May your gentle care and love, consolation and peace lift up this family from sorrow and pain, and fill the soul of **N.** for all eternity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn**

**All** **Suitable hymn may be sung.**

[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

## **5.7 DAY SEVEN**

**Leader** Theme:  
“You shall be with Me.”

**All** **Suitable hymn to be sung.**

[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

**Leader** Almighty, ever-lasting God, you have created us for eternal life of joy and happiness. Even when sin

entered into our lives, you restored us to fit into your original plan through the redeeming power of Jesus your Son. As we pray for our departed brother/sister N., lift our hearts and minds to always look forward to the joys you have prepared for us in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Leader Word of God  
Luke 23:33-34, 39-43  
*Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.*

When the soldiers reached the place called the Skull, they crucified Jesus there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots for his clothing.

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said, 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

All Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Leader Reflection:

Jesus stands out as the great sign of HOPE to the whole world. The whole of creation was in a state of utter helplessness and hopelessness as a result of SIN: Yet, how beautifully and confidently Jesus interceded before his Father on behalf of the fallen world: ‘Father forgive them; for they know not what they do’ To those who are repentant, there is promise of a bright future – eternal life of joy.

This is what the repentant thief received: “This day, you will be with me in paradise.” Yes, there is HOPE, LIFE, JOY for all those who die in Christ.

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## **RECITE THE ROSARY THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sorrowful Mystery:

### **Agony in the Garden**

*At Gethsemane Jesus prays as He contemplates the sins of the World.*

Jesus submitted to the agony of suffering and death to fulfill the Father’s Will and his one great DESIRE: that we might have life through the grace of redemption.

In his agony Jesus asked his disciples to watch and

pray. Let us thank the Lord for the gift of faith to our brother/sister **N**.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

### **Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Decade**

**Leader** Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sorrowful Mystery:

## **The Scourging**

*Jesus is cruelly scourged until His mortified body bear no more.*

Being tied to the pillar, Jesus' movements were restricted. He took upon himself the loss of freedom we brought upon ourselves through sin. He patiently underwent insult, mockery and ridicule to set us free from the shame of sin. Let us pray for patience in our moments of suffering, pain and loss.

## **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

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**Leader** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

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## **Glory Be**

**Leader** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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### **Fatima Prayer**

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Decade**

Leader Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sorrowful Mystery:

### **Crowning with Thorns**

*A crown of thorns is placed on the head of Jesus.*

The soldiers made fun of Jesus as a king. The crown of thorns hurt Him badly. He bled. Yet He shone out as a King of love, a King who through humble service was intent upon setting us free from the slavery of sin. Let us pray that we may grow as a Kingly People through service to one another.

### **Our Father Prayer**

Leader Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All 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. Amen

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Leader Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.



All Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Glory Be**

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### **Fatima Prayer**

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### **4<sup>th</sup> Decade**

Leader Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sorrowful Mystery:

### **Carrying of the Cross**

*Jesus carries the heavy cross upon His shoulders to Calvary.*

It was Jesus' journey to death; he had to carry upon his shoulders the very instrument of his death. He has told us, that the way of the Cross is inevitable, if we want to possess life. Let us present to the Lord all the sufferings and crosses our departed brother/sister **N.** endured in life.

### **Our Father Prayer**

Leader Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All 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. Amen

**Hail Mary Prayer (Recite 10x)**

Leader Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Glory Be**

Leader Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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**Fatima Prayer**

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**5<sup>th</sup> Decade**

Leader Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we meditate on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sorrowful Mystery:

**The Crucifixion**

*Jesus is nailed to the Cross and dies after three hours of Agony.*

Jesus had to be lifted up in order to procure freedom of eternal life for us: As Moses lifted up the serpent

in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. The cross, the instrument of condemnation has become the symbol of life and victory. May Christian faith, hope and love always abide in our lives.

### **Our Father Prayer**

**Leader** Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All** 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. Amen

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### **Fatima Prayer**

**All** O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

### **Intercessions**

**Leader** That the whole Church may always stand out as a sign of hope and joy to all people especially the poor and the troubled. We pray to the Lord.

**All** Christ our hope and life, be with us.

**Leader** That the Good News of God's forgiving love may bring about more conversions of the hearts of hardened sinners. We pray to the Lord.

**All** Christ our hope and life, be with us.

**Leader** That we may be effective messengers of joy and hope to the sick and the troubled in our homes and neighbourhood. We pray to the Lord.

**All** Christ our hope and life, be with us.

**Leader** That our faithful departed brothers and sisters be granted the eternal joy and peace of heaven. We pray to the Lord.

**All** Christ our hope and life, be with us.

### **Concluding Prayer**

**All** God our heavenly Father, we have offered to you this prayer of praise and petition in a spirit of Christian faith and charity. May the promise of paradise you made to the repentant thief be ours too when our earthly life is ended. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn**

**All** **Suitable hymn may be sung.**

[7 Psalms/Hymns](#) [8 Other Psalms](#) [9 Other Hymns](#)

## 6 OPTIONAL INTERCESSORY PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED

### 6.1 Intercession I

**Priest** God the Father Almighty raised from the dead His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray to Him that through Jesus, our dead and we too, may rise to eternal life in glory.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Leader** Let our response be: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader** For all Christians that their faith in the resurrection of the dead may be strengthened.

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader** For those affected by the loss of our brother/sister that they may not despair, but receive confidence and consolation.

Let us pray to the Lord

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader** For our brother/sister **N.**, that he/she may be received into the company of the angels and the saints.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Leader** For all who are to die today that they receive the forgiveness of their sins.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader** For our deceased relatives and for all who have

done good to us, that God may welcome them into the radiant light of his presence.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest God the Father, through baptism you received our brother/sister into your Church. You nourished him/her with the bread of life. Bring to perfection this life you have given through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## 6.2 Intercession II

Priest God, the all powerful Father raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ and called us to a living hope. Let us pray to Him for the salvation of the living and the dead.

Leader Let our response be: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For the people of God that the Lord may strengthen their faith in the resurrection of the dead and eternal life.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who suffer from sickness and injustice that the Lord may give them health and freedom.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all those who have not yet come to faith that the Lord may lead them to the way of salvation.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For our brother/sister who was cleansed in the bath of baptism and nourished with the living bread of the

Eucharist that God may raise him/her up on the Last Day.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who died in faith that God may welcome them into His presence.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest All powerful Lord and God, our life is in your hands. You created us and called us into being. Through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you redeemed us and called us to a life with you which never finds an end. For this we thank you for ever and ever.

All Amen.

### 6.3 Intercession III

Priest Let us pray to God, our merciful Father not only for our deceased friend N., but also for the Church, for the peace and well being of the world and the salvation of all men.

Leader Let our response be: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For the Pastors of the Church that they practise in their lives what they proclaim to others.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For government officials that they foster social justice and peace.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader** For those who are sick and lonely, for those who are hungry and jobless, for those who are dying that they may find comfort in God's love and in the loving assistance shown to them by Christians.  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader** For our deceased brother/sister **N.** and for all the dead of our Parish (community/congregation), that they may be welcomed in the heavenly glory and share forever the joy of Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Priest** God and Father, forgive our brother/sister his/her sins. Grant him/her eternal peace and welcome him/her to the joys of your saints and elect. Through Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## **6.4 Intercession IV**

**Priest** In this hour of grief and sorrow which is also an hour of hope and gratitude, let us pray to our Father in heaven.

**Leader** Let our response be: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader** For **N.**, that God my accept his/her life and bring it to perfection in Him.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader** For our brother/sister **N.**, that he/she may receive the reward for all the good he/she has done.

Let us pray to the Lord.



All Lord, hear our prayer.  
 Leader For all the dead of our Parish (community) and all who are comforted by the truth that even after death we remain close to one another.  
 Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.  
 Leader For the friends of our brother/sister **N.**, that they may not forget him/her and keep their love for him/her beyond the grave.  
 Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.  
 Leader For all the dead of our parish (community) and all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith that they may find the place of happiness and peace.  
 Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.  
 Priest God of mercy and Father of all consolation, grant to our brother/sister **N.** forever, life in communion with you. Keep us always in the spirit of love that one day, we may be united in this spirit with our brother/sister. Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## 6.5 Intercession V

Priest Brothers and sisters, our Lord said: ‘ Ask, and you will receive!’. Trusting in His word, we pray through Him to our Father in heaven.

Leader Let our response be: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For our deceased brother/sister: That our Lord and God may grant him/her the fulfillment of his/her

earthly work and desires.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For the family and the friends of our deceased brother/sister: That God may show compassion to them in their sorrow, and strengthen their faith in His promises.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who are without hope and in despair: That God may guide their hearts and bring them into contact with helpful and compassionate people.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who are now in the last agony: That the Lord may be at their side in their last hour.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For our Parish/community who are gathered here: That God may be the guide of our lives and preserve us from hopelessness and despair.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest God and Father, you sent your Son as Saviour and Redeemer: He died and rose for us. Trustingly we look at Him and ask you: Bring to perfection in our deceased brother/sister **N.** what you began in him/her when he/she was baptised. Grant him/her the joys of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

## 6.6 Intercession VI

- Priest** My dear friends, we join in prayer for our deceased brother/sister, let us pray for the Church, for peace in the world, and for ourselves.
- Leader** Let our response be: Hear us Lord and have mercy.
- Leader** For the bishops and priests of the Church, that God may give them strength to be examples of what they preach.  
Let us pray to the Lord.
- All** Hear us Lord and have mercy.
- Leader** For all in public office that they may work for social justice and true peace.  
Let us pray to the Lord.
- All** Hear us Lord and have mercy.
- Leader** For all who suffer in mind and body that they may realise that God is always with them.  
Let us pray to the Lord.
- All** Hear us Lord and have mercy.
- Leader** That in His mercy God may forgive all his/her sins.  
Let us pray to the Lord.
- All** Hear us Lord and have mercy.
- Leader** That God may give him/her peace and light forever.  
Let us pray to the Lord.
- All** Hear us Lord and have mercy.
- Priest** Lord God, Creator and Redemmer, release our departed brothers and sisters from all punishment; in answer to our prayers, give them the pardon they have always desired. Through Christ our Lord.
- All** Amen.

## 6.7 Intercession VII

**Priest** Because it is “a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be freed from their sins”, let us now offer our prayers for all the faithful departed.

**Leader** Let our response be: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader** For all who gave their lives for others: for the freedom of their nation and the dignity of man, that God may accept the sacrifice of their lives and grant them the happiness and joy of His own eternal life. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader** For the victims of violence and crime, for all who died a sudden death, that God may receive them into his Kingdom, where every tear will be wiped away and where God himself will be their happiness and joy.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader** For all who live on in our memory, for the good they have done to us, for our parents and all who taught us to be good, that they may receive the crown of life.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader** For all of us gathered here to honour the memory of our dead, and reflect on our death, that after a life of fraternal love we may finally experience ourselves, what no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, what God has prepared for those who love Him.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.  
Leader That God may give him/her (N.) joy in the company  
of all His saints.  
Let us pray to the Lord.  
All Lord, hear our prayer.  
Priest Father in heaven, we know that death is our fate  
here on earth. Stay with us that we may learn to go  
the way of your Son: in a life of service to you and  
our neighbours. Then nothing will separate us from  
your love and you will grant us life which will never  
find an end. Through Christ our Lord.  
All Amen.

## 7 PSALMS/HYMNS

### 7.1 Abide With Me

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide,  
the darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 3 Indded thy presence ev'ry passing hour,  
what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Thro' cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
- 4 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows  
flee!  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

*H.F. Lyte*

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### 7.2 Accept Almighty Father

- 1 Accept, Almighty Father,  
these gifts of bread and wine,  
which now the priest is offering  
for us before thy shrine.

But soon the Word will make them  
His Body and His Blood.  
The sacrifice renewing,  
once offered on the rood.  
2 With these, although unworthy,  
some offering we make;  
but all we have, thou gavest;  
then, what thou gavest take:  
Our hearts, our souls, our senses,  
we give thro' Mary's hands;  
who, by the cross, once standing,  
now by the altar stands.  
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### 7.3 Amazing Grace

1 Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound  
that save a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found,  
was blind, but now I see.  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.  
3 Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.  
4 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun;  
we've no less days to sing God's praise,

than we first begun  
*John Newton*  
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## 7.4 As The Deer Pants For The Water

1 As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship You.  
Chorus:

You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship You.

2 I want You more than gold or silver,  
only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.

3 You're my friend and You're my brother,  
even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

*Martin Nystrom*

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## 7.5 Beyond The Sunset

1 Beyond the sunset, O blissful morning



when with our Saviour Heav'n is begun.  
Earth's toiling ended, O glorious dawning,  
beyond the sunset, when day is done.  
2 Beyond the sunset, no clouds will gather,  
no storms will threaten, no fears annoy,  
O day of gladness, O day unending,  
beyond the sunset, eternal joy.  
3 Beyond the sunset, a hand will guide me,  
to God, the Father, whom I adore;  
His glorious Presence, his words of welcome,  
will be my portion on that fair shore.  
*Virgil P. Brock*  
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## 7.6 Blessed Assurance

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of His Spirit washed in His blood.  
Chorus:  
  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.  
2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst of my sight.  
Angels, descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,

I in my Saviour am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

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## 7.7 Cleanse Me, O God

- 1 Cleanse me, O God, and know my heart today;  
try me, O Saviour, know my thoughts, I pray.  
See if there be, some wicked way in me,  
cleanse me from every sin and set me free.
- 2 I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin,  
fulfil Thy Word and make me pure wihtin.  
Fill me with fire where I once burned with shame;  
grant my desire to magnify Thy Name.
- 3 Lord, take my life, and make if wholly Thine;  
fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine.  
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride,  
I now surrender, Lord, in me abide!

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## 7.8 Give Thanks

- 1 Give thanks with a grateful heart.  
Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son.
- 2 And now, let the weak say 'I am strong',

let the poor say 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks.

*Henry Smith*

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## 7.9 God Gives His People Strength

- 1 God gives his people strength.  
If we believe in his way,  
he's swift to repay all those  
who bear the burden of the day.  
God gives his people strength.
- 2 God gives his people hope.  
If we put trust in his word,  
our prayers are always heard.  
He warmly welcomes anyone who's erred.  
God gives his people hope.
- 3 God gives his people love.  
If we but open wide our hearts,  
he's sure to do his part;  
he's always the first to make a start.  
God gives his people love.
- 4 God gives his people peace.  
When sorrow fills us to the brim,  
and courage grows dim,  
he lays to rest our restlessness in him.  
God gives his people peace.

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## 7.10 God of Mercy

1 God of mercy and compassion,  
look with pity upon me;  
Father! Let me call Thee 'Father,'  
'tis thy child returns to Thee.  
Chorus:

Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy;  
let me not implore in vain:  
all my sins I now detest them,  
help me not to sin again.

2 By my sins I have deserved  
death and endless misery,  
hell with all its pains and torments,  
and for all eternity.

3 By my sins I have abandoned  
right and claim to heaven above,  
where the saints rejoice for ever,  
in a boundless sea of love.

4 See, our Saviour, bleeding, dying,  
on the Cross of Calvary;  
to that cross my sins have nailed Him  
yet He bleeds and dies for me.

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## 7.11 Have Mercy On Me (Psalm 50)

Antiphon:

Have mercy, Lord,

1 cleanse me from all my sins.  
Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness,  
in your compassion blot out my offences,  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sins.

2 My offences truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me,  
against you, you alone have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done.

3 That you may be justified when you give sentence,  
and be without reproach when you judge.  
O see, in guilt I was born,  
a sinner was I conceived.

4 Indeed you love truth in the heart;  
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.  
O purify me, then I shall be clean;  
O wash me, I shall be wither than snow.

5 Make me hear rejoicing and gladness  
that the bones you have crushed may thrill.  
From my sins turn away your face  
and blot out all my guilt.

6 Give glory to the Father almighty,  
to his Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord,  
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts,  
both now and forever. Amen

*J. Gelineau*

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## **7.12 Have Thine Own Way, Lord**

1 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.

Mould me and made me after Thy will,  
while I am waiting, yielded and still.  
2 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Master, today!  
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,  
as in Thy presence humbly I bow.  
3 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me I pray.  
Power, all power, surely is Thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Saviour Divine.  
*Adelaide A. Pollard*  
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### 7.13 How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
consider all the works thy hands have made;  
I see the starts, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.  
Chorus:  
  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
2 And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
sent Him to die – I scarce can take it in;  
that on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died, to take away my sin.  
3 When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,  
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow with humble adoration,

and there proclaim, My God how great Thou art!  
*Carl Boberg tr. Stuart K. Hine*  
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## 7.14 I Am The Bread Of Life

1 I am the bread of life,  
he who comes to me shall not hunger  
he who believes in me shall not thirst  
no one can come to me unless the Father draw him.  
Chorus:

And I will raise him up (2x)  
and I will raise him up on the last day.  
2 The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world  
and he who eats of this bread,  
he shall live for ever, he shall live for ever.  
3 Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of His blood, and drink of His blood,  
you shall not have life within you.  
4 I am the resurrection, I am the life;  
he who believes in me,  
even if he dies, he shall live for ever.  
5 Yes, Lord I believe, that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who has come into the world.  
*Suzanne Toolan*  
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## 7.15 I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

1 I don't know about tomorrow,  
I just live from day to day,  
I don't borrow from its sunshine,  
for its skies may turn to grey.  
I don't worry o'er the future,  
for I know what Jesus said;  
and today I'll walk beside Him,  
for He knows what is ahead.  
Chorus:

May things about tomorrow  
I don't seem to understand;  
but I know who holds tomorrow,  
and I know who holds my hand.

2 Ev'ry step is getting brighter  
as the golden stairs I climb;  
ev'ry burden's getting lighter,  
ev'ry cloud is silver-lined.  
There the sun is always shining,  
there no tear will dim the eye;  
at the ending of the rainbow,  
where the mountains touch the sky.

*Ira F. Stamphill*

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## 7.16 All To Jesus I Surrender

1 All to Jesus I surrender  
all to him I freely give



I will ever love and trust him  
in his presence daily live  
Chorus:

- I surrender all (2x)  
all to Thee my blessed Saviour  
I surrender all
- 2 All to Jesus I surrender  
humbly at His feet I bow  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken  
take me Jesus, take me now
- 3 All to Jesus I surrender  
make me Saviour wholly Thine  
let me feel thy Holy Spirit  
truly know that Thou art mine
- 4 All to Jesus I surrender  
Lord, I give myself to Thee  
fill me with thy love and power  
let thy blessings fall on me  
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## 7.17 In His Time

- 1 In his time, in his time  
He makes all things beautiful in his time  
Lord, please show me ev'ry day  
as you're teaching me your way  
that you do just what you say  
in your time
- 2 In your time, in your time  
you make all things beautiful in your time

Lord, my life to you I bring  
make each song I have to sing  
be to you a lovely thing  
in your time

*Diana Ball*

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## 7.18 Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross

1 Jesus keep me near the cross;  
there a precious fountain;  
free to all a healing stream  
flows from Calvary's mountain.  
Chorus:

In the Cross, in the Cross,  
be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.

2 Near the cross a trembling soul,  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star,  
shed its beams around me.

3 Near the cross, O Lamb of God,  
bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day,  
with its shadow o'er me.

4 Near the Cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand,  
just beyond the river.

*Fanny Jane Crosby/William Howard Doane*

## **7.19 Just A Closer Walk With Thee**

Chorus:

Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus is my plea;  
daily walking close with thee  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

- 1 I am weak but Thou art strong  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as  
I walk, dear Lord, close to thee.
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares  
if I falter, Lord; who cares;  
who, with me, my burden shares  
none but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
- 3 When my feeble life is over  
time for me will be no more;  
when I cross to Jordan's shore  
I will walk, dear Lord, close to thee.

*Anonymous*

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## **7.20 Like The Deer That Yearns (Psalm 41)**

Antiphon:

My soul is thirsting for the Lord:  
when shall I see him face to face?

1 Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God.  
2 My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life;  
when can I enter and see the face of God?  
3 My tears have become my bread, by night, by day,  
as I hear it said all the day long: 'Where is your  
God?'  
4 These things will I remember as I pour out my soul:  
how I would lead the rejoicing crowd  
into the house of God.  
5 Why are you cast down, my soul,  
why groan within me?  
Hope in God, I will praise him still,  
my saviour and my God.  
6 By day the Lord will send his loving kindness;  
by night I will sing to him, praise the God of my  
life.  
7 I will say to God, my rock;  
why have you forgotten me?  
Why do I go mourning oppressed by the foe?  
*J. Gelineau*  
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## 7.21 Lord, I'm Coming Home

1 I've wandered far away from God  
now I'm coming home;  
the paths of sin too long I've trod  
Lord I'm coming home.  
Chorus:

Coming home, coming home,

never more to roam;  
open now Thine arms of love  
Lord I'm coming home.  
2 I've wasted many precious years  
now I'm coming home;  
I now repent with bitter tears  
Lord, I'm coming home.  
3 I'm tired of sin and straying, Lord  
now I'm coming home;  
I'll trust Thy love, believe Thy word  
Lord, I'm coming home.  
4 My soul is sick, my heart is sore  
now I'm coming home;  
my strength renew, my hope restore  
Lord, I'm coming home.  
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## 7.22 Mother Dear, O Pray For Me

1 Mother dear, O pray for me  
whilst far from heaven and thee,  
I wander in a fragile bark  
o'er life's tempestuous sea;  
O Virgin Mother, from thy throne,  
so bright in bliss above,  
protect thy child and cheer my path  
with thy sweet smile of love.  
Chorus:

Mother dear, remember me,  
and never cease thy care,

till in heaven eternally,  
thy love and bliss I share.  
2 Mother dear, remember me,  
should pleasure's siren lay  
e'er tempt thy child to wander far  
from virtue's path away;  
when thorns beset, life's devious way,  
and darkling waters flow,  
then Mary, aid thy weeping child,  
thyself a mother show.  
*Isaac B. Woodburry*  
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### 7.23 Mother Dearest, Mother Fairest

1 Mother dearest, Mother fairest,  
help of all who call on thee,  
Virgin purest, brightest, rarest,  
help us, help, we cry to thee.  
Chorus:  
  
Mary, help us, help we pray;  
Mary, help us, help we pray;  
help us in all care and sorrow;  
Mary, help us, help we pray.  
2 Lady, help in pain and sorrow,  
soothe those rack'd on bed of pain,  
may the golden light of morrow,  
bring them health and joy again.  
3 Lady, help the absent loved ones,  
how we miss their presence here,  
may the hand of thy protection,

guard and guide them far and near.  
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## 7.24 My Shepherd Is The Lord (Psalm 22)

Antiphon:

My shepherd is the Lord,  
nothing indeed shall I want.  
1 My shepherd is the Lord,  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
2 He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name,  
if I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.  
3 You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.  
4 Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.  
5 To the Father and Son give glory  
give glory to the Spirit,

to God who is, who was, and who will be,  
for ever and ever.

*J. Gelineau*

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## 7.25 Nearer, My God

- 1 Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee;  
e'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
still all my song shall be, nearer my God, to Thee,  
nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee.
- 2 Deep in Thy Sacred Heart, let me abide.  
Thou that hast bled for me, sorrowed and died.  
Sweet shall my weeping be, grief surely leading me,  
nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee.
- 3 Friends may depart from me, night may come down;  
clouds of adversity darken and frown;  
still through my tears I'll see, hope gently leading  
me, nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee.

*Sarah F. Adams*

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## 7.26 Our God Reigns

- 1 How lovely on the mountains  
are the feet of Him who brings  
good news, good news.  
Announcing peace proclaiming  
news of happiness  
our God reigns (6x)  
*Leonard E. Smith Jr.*



## 7.27 Out Of The Depths (Psalm 129)

Antiphon:

- I place all my trust in you, my God;  
all my hope is in your mercy.
- 1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ear be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.
- 2 If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness;  
for this we revere you.
- 3 My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman count for daybreak.
- 4 Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity.
- 5 To the Father Almighty give glory,  
give glory to his Son,  
to the Spirit most Holy give praise,  
whose reign is for ever.

*J. Gelineau*

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## 7.28 Old Rugged Cross

- 1            On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross,  
              the emblem of suffering and shame;  
              and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
              for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Chorus:

- So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
              till my trophies at last I lay down.  
              I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
              and exchange it some day for a crown.
- 2            On that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
              has a wondrous attraction for me;  
              for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
              to bear it to dark Calvary.
- 3            In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
              a wondrous beauty I see;  
              for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
              to pardon and sanctify me.
- 4            To the old rugged cross I will ever be true.  
              It's a shame and reproach gladly bear;  
              then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
              where his glory forever I'll share.

*George Bernard*

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## 7.29 On The Paten

- 1            On the paten with the host,  
              I offer up my lowly heart.

All my life, my deeds, my thoughts,  
Thine shall be as mine Thou art.  
2 In the chalice, let me be,  
a drop of water mingled there.  
Lost, O Jesus, in Thy love,  
Thy great sacrifice I share.  
3 All today and every day,  
O Jesus let me live in Thee.  
So that I no longer live,  
but that Thou mayest live through me.  
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### 7.30 Pass It On

1 It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around can warm up in its  
glowing.  
That's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it.  
You spread His love to everyone;  
you want to pass it on.  
2 What a wondrous time is spring  
when all the trees are budding,  
the birds begin to sing;  
the flowers start their blooming.  
That's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it.  
You want to sing it's fresh like spring;  
you want to pass it on.  
3 I wish for you, my friend,  
this happiness that I've found.

You can depend on Him,  
it matters not where you're bound.  
I'll shout it from the mountain top  
I want my world to know;  
the Lord of love has come to me  
I want to pass it on.  
I'll shout it from the mountain top,  
I want my world to know;  
the Lord of love has come to me  
I want to pass it on.  
*Kurt Kaiser*  
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### 7.31 Pilgrim Song

- 1        Man is lonely by birth  
          man is only a pilgrim on earth  
          born to be King  
          time is but a temporary thing  
          only on load while on earth
- 2        Like the wind in the tree  
          man has been rather restless and free  
          thrown far and wide  
          he longs to settle down beside  
          the stream flowing through eternity
- 3        Like the grass on the lawn  
          he will pass by the way and be gone  
          a lesson to learn  
          we walk but once there's no return  
          time is always moving on
- 4        Man is longing for One  
          for a song and a place in the Sunday home up

above

where everyday is lived in love  
for rest when the journey is done.

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## 7.32 Prayer Of St Francis

- 1        Make me a channel of your peace,  
          where there is hatred, let me bring you love.  
          Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.  
          And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
- 2        Make me a channel of your peace.  
          Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,  
          where there is darkness, only light;  
          and where there's sadness, ever joy.
- Chorus:

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled, as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

- 3        Make me a channel of your peace.  
          It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
          in giving to all men, that we receive,  
          and in dying that we're born to eternal life.
- Sebastian Temple*  
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### 7.33 Precious Lord

- 1        When my way grows drear,  
          precious Lord linger near,  
          when my life is almost gone,  
          hear my cry, hear my call.  
          Hold my hand lest I fall,  
          take my hand precious Lord,  
          lead me home.
- 2        Precious Lord, take my hand,  
          lead me on, let me stand.  
          I'm tired, I'm weak,  
          I'm worn through the storm through the night.  
          Lead me on to the light,  
          take my hand precious Lord,  
          lead me home.
- 3        When my work is all done,  
          and my race here is run,  
          lead us y the light thou has shone,  
          that the city's so bright,  
          with the lamp is the light,  
          take my hand precious Lord,  
          lead me home.

*Thomas A. Dorsey*

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### 7.34 Softly And Tenderly

- 1        Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
          calling for you and me;  
          see on the portals he's waiting and watching,

watching for you and me.

Chorus:

Come home...come home...  
ye who are weary, come home,  
earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling, 'O sinner, come home!'

- 2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,  
mercies for you and for me?

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### **7.35 Spirit Song**

- 1 Oh let the Son of God enfold you  
with his spirit and his love  
let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
Oh let him have the things that hold you  
and his spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life  
and make you whole

Chorus:

- Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill your lambs  
Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill your lambs
- 2 Oh come and sing this song with gladness  
as your hearts are filled with joy  
lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name  
Oh give him all your tears and sadness  
give him all your years of pain

and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

*John Wimber*

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### **7.36 Strong And Constant**

1 I will be your Lord who walks with you  
you will be always within my hand  
take your heart and give it all to me  
Chorus:

2 Strong and constant is my love. (2x)  
Should you wander far away from me  
I will search for you in every land  
should you call, then you will truly know  
3 When you know sorrow within your life  
I will come, I will embrace your heart  
through your pain you will discover me

*Frank Anderson*

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### **7.37 Thank You Lord For The Trials**

1 Yes, I thank you, Lord,  
for the trials that come my way  
in that way I can grow each day as I let you lead  
and I thank you, Lord,  
for the patience those trials bring,  
in that process of growing I can learn to care  
Chorus:



But it goes against the way  
I am to put my human nature down  
and let the spirit take control of all I do  
'cause when those trials come  
my human nature shouts the things to do  
and God's soft prompting can be easily ignored.

2 Yes, I thank you, Lord,  
for the victory that trials brings  
in surrender of everything, life is so worthwhile  
and I thank you, Lord,  
when everything is put in place,  
and in front I see see Your face  
and 'tis where I belong  
*Dan Burgess*  
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### 7.38 The Gift Sublime

1 Christ is the Way we follow Him.  
Christ is the Truth we learn from Him.  
Christ is the Life we live by Him.  
Our closest Friend we trust in Him.  
Chorus:

We thank you, Father in heaven  
for the gift of your Son Divine.  
For Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
your Gift of gifts sublime.  
For Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
your Gift of gifts sublime.

2 Christ is the Light who shines on us.

The Shepherd Good who cares for us.  
The Lamb of God who died for us.  
The Bread of Life who strengthens us.

*M. Frances*

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## 7.39 The Lord Is My Shepherd

1 The Lord is my shepherd;  
He is Lord and I am His guest.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where He leads me  
to my rest.  
Near peaceful waters He leads me to cheer up my  
cheerless heart.  
He guides me on the safe path, He will always do  
his part.  
Chorus:

If I should ever walk in the valley of darkness,  
No evil would I fear;  
You are there to show the way  
If I should ever walk in the valley of darkness,  
Your crook and your staff,  
They will lead me to the day.

2 You prepare a banquet in the sight of my foes,  
You cool my head with oil,  
and my cup now overflows.  
Surely goodness and kindness  
will be with me all the way.  
The Lord's house for my dwelling,  
I will thank Him ev'ry day.

3 Glory be to the father; glory to His only Son;

Glory be to the spirit; glory, glory ev'ry one.  
Glory be to the Father; glory to His only Son;  
Glory be to the Spirit; glory, glory ev'ry one.

*Quinlan*

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## 7.40 Victory (O Cross, Reign Victorious)

Chorus:

- O cross, reign victorious!  
O Cross! Thou wilt redeem us.
- 1 For all who yearn to see,  
Give light, let darkness cease.  
True source of liberty,  
O Cross, God's seal of peace.
- 2 Renew our strength and valour,  
Uplift the downcast man.  
Prize hope in life's dark hour,  
To deathless Life the span.
- 3 Through Thee our heav'nly Father,  
Take us to his embrace.  
Let man greet man as brother,  
In Him who saved our race.

## 7.41 What A Friend We Have In Jesus

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear;  
what a privilege to carry

ev'rything to God in pray'r.  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear  
all because we do not cary  
ev'rything to God in pray'r.  
2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged,  
take it to the Lord in pray'r.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness  
take it to the Lord in pray'r.  
3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour still our refuge,  
take it to the Lord in pray'r.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in pray'r.  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,  
thou wilt find a solace there  
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## 7.42 Yes, I Shall Arise

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
in you, O my God, I place all my trust.  
2 Look down on me, have mercy O Lord;  
forgive my my sins, behold all my grief.  
3 My heart and soul shall yearn for your face;  
be gracious to me and answer my plea.

4 Do not withhold your goodness from me;  
O Lord, may your love be deep in my soul.  
5 To you, I pray; have pity on me;  
my God, I have sinned against your great love.  
6 Mercy I cry, O Lord, wash me clean;  
and whiter than snow my spirit shall be.  
7 Give me again the joy of your help;  
now open my lips, your praise I willsing.  
9 Happy is he, forgiven by God;  
his sins blotted out, his guilt is no more.

*Lucien Deiss*

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## 8 OTHER PSALMS

### 8.1 Prayer Of A Man In Anxiety (Psalm 12)

Antiphon:

- 1 Look at me, answer me, O Lord.  
How long O Lord, will you forget me?  
How long will you hide your face?  
How long must I bear grief in my soul,  
this sorrow in my heart day and night?  
How long shall my enemy prevail?
- 2 Look at me, answer me. Lord my God!  
Give light to my eyes lest I fall asleep in death,  
lest my enemy say: "I have overcome him"  
lest my foes rejoice to see my fall.
- 3 As for me, I trust in your merciful love.  
Let my heart rejoice in your saving help.  
Let me sing to the Lord for his goodness to me,  
singing psalms to the name of the Lord, the Most  
High.

### 8.2 Prayer Of A Suffering Servant (Psalm 21)

Antiphon:

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
You are far from my plea and the cry of my distress.  
O my God, I call you by day and you give me no

reply;  
I call you by night and I find no peace.  
2 Yet you, O God are holy, enthroned on the praises of  
Israel.  
In you our fathers put their trust;  
they trusted and you set them free.  
When they cried to you, they escaped.  
In you they trusted and never in vain.  
3 But I am a worm and no man,  
the butt of men, laughing-stock of the people,  
all who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
“He trusted in the Lord, let hi save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.”  
4 Yes, it was you who took me from the womb.  
Entrusted me to my mother’s breast.  
To you I was committed from my birth,  
from my mother’s womb you have been my God.  
Do not leave me alone in my distress;  
Come close, there is none else to help.  
5 Like water I am poured out, disjointed are all my  
bones.  
My heart has become like wax, it is melted within  
my breast.  
Parched as burnt clay is my throat,  
my tongue cleaves to my jaws.  
6 O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me!  
Rescue my soul from the sword,  
my life from the grip of these dogs.  
Save my life from the jaws of these lions,  
my poor soul from the horns of these oxen.  
7 I will tell of your name to my brethren,

and praise you where they are assembled.  
You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory, revere him,  
Israel's sons.

- 8 For he has never despised, nor scorned the poverty  
of the poor.  
From him he has not hidden his face,  
but he heard the poor man when he cried.

### 8.3 Cry From The Depths Of Sorrow (Psalm 68)

Antiphon:

- Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your  
compassion, turn towards me.
- 1 Save me, O God, for the waters have risen to my  
neck.  
I have sunk into the mud of the deep  
and there is no foothold.  
I have entered the waters of the deep,  
and the waves overwhelm me.
- 2 I am wearied with all my crying,  
my throat is parched.  
My eyes are wasted away from looking for my God.
- 3 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame,  
through me, Lord of hosts;  
let not those who seek you be dismayed through me,  
God of Israel.
- 4 This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me,  
O God, with your help that never fails;  
rescue me from sinking in the mud;



save me from my foes.  
5 Save me from the waters of the deep,  
lest the waves overwhelm me.  
Do not let the deep engulf me,  
nor death close its mouth on me.  
6 Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me.  
Do not hide your face from your servant;  
Answer quickly for I am in distress.  
Come close to my soul and redeem me;  
ransom me pressed by my foes.

#### **8.4 Prayer Of Trust And Appeal (Psalm 69)**

Antiphon:

1 You are my rescuer, my help, O Lord, do not delay.  
O God, make haste to my rescue,  
Lord, come to my aid!  
Let there be shame and confusion,  
on those who seek my life.  
2 O let them turn back in confusion,  
who delight in my harm,  
let them retreat, covered with shame,  
who jeer at my lot.  
3 There will be rejoicing  
and gladness for all who seek you.  
Let them say forever: "God is great,"  
who love your saving help.  
4 As for me, wretched and poor;  
come to me, O God.  
You are my rescuer, my help,

O Lord, do not delay.

## **8.5 Prayer Of Trust (Psalm 114)**

Antiphon:

- O Lord my God, deliver me!
- 1 I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my  
appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me,  
on the day when I called him.
- 2 They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with the anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.
- 3 How gracious is the Lord, and just.  
Our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me.

## **8.6 Cry For Help (Psalm 122)**

Antiphon:

- Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy
- 1 To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens;  
my eyes like the eyes of slaves,  
on the hand of their lords.
- 2 Like the eyes of a servant,

on the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till He shows us his mercy.  
3 Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt,  
indeed all too full is our soul,  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain.

## 8.7 Prayer Of A Deserted Man (Psalm 141)

Antiphon:

With all my voice I cry to the Lord, with all my  
voice I entreat the Lord.  
1 With all my voice I cry to the Lord,  
with all my voice I entreat the Lord.  
I pour out my trouble before him;  
I tell him all my distress while my spirit faints  
within me.  
But you, O Lord, know my path.  
2 On the way where I shall walk,  
they have hidden a snare to entrap me.  
Look on my right and see:  
there is not one who takes my part.  
I have no means of escape,  
not one who cares for my soul.  
3 I cry to you, O Lord, I have said:  
“You are my refuse,  
and all I have in the land of the living.”  
Listen then to my cry for I am in the depth of  
distress.

## 8.8 Prayer In Desolation (Psalm 142)

Antiphon:

Lord, listen to my prayer: turn your ear to my appeal.

- 1 Lord, listen to my prayer turn your ear to my appeal.  
You are faithful, you are just; give answer;  
Do not call your servant to judgement,  
for no one is just in your sight.
- 2 The enemy pursues my soul;  
he has crushed my life to the ground;  
he has made me dwell in darkness,  
like the dead long forgotten.  
Therefore my spirit fails;  
my heart is numb within me.
- 3 I remember the days that are past:  
I ponder all your works.  
I muse on what your hand has wrought  
and to you I stretch out my hands.  
Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.
- 4 Lord, make haster and give me answer;  
for my spirit fails within me.  
Do not hide your face,  
lest I become like those in the grave.
- 5 In the morning let me know your love,  
for I put my trust in you.  
Make me know the way I should walk;  
to you I lift up my soul.
- 6 Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies;  
I have fled to you for refuge.  
Teach me to do your will.

For you, O Lord, are my God.  
Let your good spirit guide me,  
in ways that are level and smooth.

## 9 OTHER HYMNS

### 9.1 Bring To This Table

1 Bring to this table bread and wine,  
Signs of redemption which Christ made divine.  
Soon gifts once humble shall become  
God's pledge of salvation through Jesus his Son.  
Refrain:

Raise up your heart to our Lord present here,  
Give him the gift of your love.  
Join in this feast which unites man with life.  
And live with his peace in your heart.

2 Join to these off'rings joys and cares,  
Be one with each other and all burdens share.  
Banish all hatred, forgive ev'ry wrong;  
In Christ we are brothers, at peace we belong.

### 9.2 Take Our Bread

Refrain:

Take our bread, we ask you;  
Take our hearts, we love you.  
Take our lives, oh Father;  
We are yours, we are yours.

1 Yours as we stand at the table you set;  
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.  
We are the sign of your life with us yet.  
We are yours, we are yours.

2        Your holy people standing washed in your blood.  
          Spirit filled yet hungry we await your food.  
          We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best  
          we could;  
          We are yours, we are yours.

### **9.3 Father We Adore You**

1        Father, we adore You  
          Lay our lives before You  
          How we love You.  
2        Jesus, we adore You ...  
3        Spirit, we adore You ...

### **9.4 In This Time**

1        In his time, in his time  
          He makes all things beautiful in his time  
          Lord, please show me everyday  
          As you're teaching me your way  
          That you do just what you say, in your time.  
2        In your time, in your time  
          You make all things beautiful in your time  
          Lord, my life to you I bring  
          May each song I have to sing  
          Be to you a lovely thing in your time.

## 9.5 Lose Yourself In Me

- 1       Lose yourself in Me  
          And you will find yourself  
          Lose yourself in Me  
          And you will find new life  
          Lose yourself in Me  
          And you will find yourself  
          And you will live  
          Yes, you will live in My love
- 2       Unless a grain of wheat  
          Falls into the ground  
          It still remains  
          But a grain of wheat  
          But if it falls and dies  
          Then it bears much fruit  
          So it is with those  
          Who lose themselves in Me.

## 9.6 Sweet Bye And Bye

- 1       There's a land that is fairer than day;  
          And by faith we can see it afar;  
          For the Father waits over the way  
          To prepare us a dwelling place there.  
          Chorus:
- In the sweet bye and bye  
          We shall meet on that beautiful shore



In the sweet bye and bye  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore  
2 We shall sing on that beautiful shore  
The melodious songs of the blest,  
And our spirits shall sorrow no more,  
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.  
3 To our bountiful Father above,  
We will offer a tribute of praise,  
For the glorious gift of His love  
And the blessings that hallow our days.

## 9.7 Song Of Farewell

Refrain:

May the choirs of angels come to greet you.  
May they speed you to paradise.  
May the Lord enfold you in his mercy.  
May you find eternal life.  
1 The Lord is my light and help;  
It is he who protects me from harm.  
The Lord is the strength of my days;  
Before whom should I tremble with fear?  
2 There is one thing I ask of the Lord;  
That he grant me my heart-felt desire.  
To dwell in the courts of our God  
Ev'ry day of my life in his presence.  
3 O Lord, hear my voice when I cry;  
Have mercy on me and give answer.  
Do not cast me away in your anger,  
For you are the God of my help.

4 I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness;  
I shall dwell in the land of the living.  
Hope in God, stand firm and take heart,  
Place all your trust in the Lord.

## 9.8 Mary Is Our Queen

1 Mary is our queen, O Sing to her,  
Mary is our mother, trust in her.  
Mary is the star that shines at night.  
Guiding us to Jesus, our true light.  
Mary is the creature of our race.  
Whom the Holy Spirit filled with grace.  
To become the mother of our Lord.  
The God whom she adored  
Refrain:

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!  
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

## 9.9 Holy Queen, We Bend Before Thee

1 Holy Queen, we bend before thee,  
Queen of purity divine,  
Make us love thee, we implore thee,  
Make us truly to be thine.  
Chorus:

Teach, O teach us, holy mother,  
How to conquer every sin;

How to love and help each other,  
How the prize of life to win.  
2 Thou to whom a child was given.  
Greater than the sons of men,  
Coming down from highest heaven,  
To create the world again.  
3 O by that almighty Maker,  
Whom thyself a virgin bore!  
O by thy supreme Creator,  
Link'd with thee for evermore!

### **9.10 Immaculate Mary**

1 Immaculate Mary, thy praises we sing;  
Who reignest with Christ, our Redeemer and king.  
Chorus:  
  
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!  
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!  
2 In heaven the blessed thy glory proclaim;  
On earth we, thy children, invoke thy fair name.  
3 We pray thee, O mother, may God's will be done;  
We pray for his glory; may his kingdom come.  
4 In grief and temptation, in joy and in pain;  
We'll seek Thee, our Mother, nor seek Thee in vain.

### **9.11 On This Day O Beautiful Mother**

Chorus:

On this day, O beautiful Mother,  
On this day we give thee our love,  
Near thee, Madonna, fondly we hover,  
Trusting thy gentle care to prove.  
1 On this day we ask to share,  
Dearest Mother, thy sweet care,  
Aid us ere our fet astray,  
Wander from thy guiding way.  
2 Queen of Angels, deign to hear,  
Lisping children's humble prayer,  
Young hearts gain, O Virgin pure,  
Sweetly to thyself allure.

### **9.12 O Come To The Throne Of Grace**

1 O come to the throne of grace!  
O come to the heart most pure!  
To Mary our hope of life.  
In whom salvation is sure.  
Chorus:

O Queen of the Rosary, hail!  
Immaculate Mother of Grace!  
O pray for us, help us, today.  
Thou hope of the human race.  
2 Immaculate heart, we kneel!  
To consecrate all to thee,  
The present, its pain and joy,  
The future, all it may be.  
3 The rosary, white and gold,  
We take from thy virgin hand;  
A pledge of the power of God,  
To heal and strengthen our land.

### 9.13 Ave Maria Of Fatima

1 It was to the shepherds,  
That Our Lady spoke  
With her words, in our souls,  
A new bright light broke.  
Chorus:

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.  
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.

2 From heaven she came.  
O Lady of Light!  
Sweet Mother of Jesus,  
A radiance so bright.

3 With sweet words she asked,  
For penance and prayer,  
Oh, Sweet Virgin Mary,  
Keep us in your care.

### 9.14 Hail Queen Of Heaven

1 Hail Queen of Heaven, the Ocean Star,  
Guide of the wand'rer here below,  
Thrown on life's surge we claim thy care,  
Save us from peril and from woe,  
Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea,  
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

2 O gentle chaste and spotless maid,  
We, sinners make our prayer through thee,

Remind thy Son that He has paid,  
The price of our iniquity,  
Virgin most pure, Star of the Sea,  
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.  
3 And while to Him who reigns above,  
In Godhead one, in persons, three,  
The sources of life, of grace, of love,  
Homage we pay on bended knee,  
Do thou, bright Queen, Star of the Sea,  
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

### 9.15 Because He Lives

1 God sent His Son, they call Him Jesus,  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon;  
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.  
Chorus:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.  
2 And then one day, I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then, as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the light of glory and I'll know He lives.

## 9.16 My Peace

- 1 My peace I give, unto You.  
It's a peace that the world cannot give.  
It's a peace that the world cannot understand.  
Peace to know, peace to live.  
My peace I give unto you.
- 2 My love I give, unto You.  
It's a love that the world cannot give.  
It's a love that the world cannot understand.  
Love to know, love to live.  
My love I give unto you.
- 3 My joy I give, unto You.  
It's a joy that the world cannot give.  
It's a joy that the world cannot understand.  
Joy to know, joy to live.  
My joy I give unto you.

## 9.17 I Hear The Bells

- 1 I hear the bells of Mary's Ave ringing.  
Joy to my heart, like angels' voices singing.  
Calling to prayer, with echoes from afar.  
Chorus:
- Ave Maria Ave Maria!
- 2 O Gabriel,  
Sent down from heaven's bright glory.  
To tell to all  
This true and wondrous story.  
I join with thee

3 To praise God's brightest star.  
O Queen assumed,  
star-crowned in God's celestial light  
May thy sweet name  
Be on my lips in death's dark night,  
Guide me to heaven  
O radiant morning star!

### 9.18 You Are Mine

1 I will come to you in silence  
I will lift you from all your fear  
You will hear My voice  
I claim you as My choice  
Be still, and know I am near  
2 I am hope for all who are hopeless  
I am eyes for all who long to see  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light  
Come and rest in Me  
Chorus:

Do not be afraid, I am with you  
I have called you each by name  
Come and follow Me  
I will bring you home  
I love you and you are mine  
3 I am strength for all the despairing  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame  
All the blind will see, the lame will al run free  
And all will know My name  
4 I am the Word that leads all to freedom



I am the peace the world cannot give  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain  
Stand up, now walk, and live

### **9.19 Be Thou My Vision**

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
walking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **9.20 Let Your Servant Now Go In Peace**

- 1 Let your servant now go in peace, O Lord  
Now go in peace according to your word.

## 9.21 Jesus, Remember Me

1 Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.  
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## 9.22 God Will Make A Way

1 God will make a way  
Where there seems to be no way  
He works in ways we cannot see  
He will make a way for me  
2 He will be my guide  
Hold me closely to His side  
With love and strength for each new day  
He will make a way, He will make a way  
3 By a roadway in the wilderness, He'll lead me  
And rivers in the desert will I see  
Heaven and Earth will fade but His Word will still remain  
And He will do something new today  
4 Oh, God will make a way  
Where there seems to be no way  
He works in ways we cannot see  
He will make a way for me  
5 He will be my guide  
Hold me closely to His side  
With love and strength for each new day  
He will make a way, He will make a way

## 9.23 On Eagle's Wings

- 1        You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
          Who abide in His shadow for life,  
          Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,  
          My Rock in Whom I trust."
- 2        And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
          Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
          Make you to shine like the sun,  
          And hold you in the palm of His Hand.  
          The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
          And famine will bring you no fear;  
          Under his Wings your refuge,  
          His faithfulness your shield.
- 3        And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
          Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
          Make you to shine like the sun,  
          And hold you in the palm of His Hand.  
          You need not fear the terror of the night,  
          Nor the arrow that flies by day,  
          Though thousands fall about you,  
          Near you it shall not come.
- 4        And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
          Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
          Make you to shine like the sun,  
          And hold you in the palm of His Hand.
- 5        For to His angels He's given a command,  
          To guard you in all of your ways,  
          Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
          Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 6        And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
          Bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.