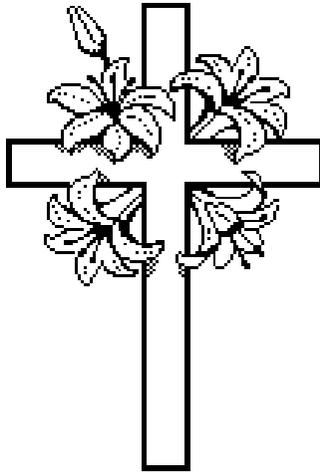


Funeral Mass



Church of the  
Sacred Heart  
Ferrybank

**Ferrybank Parish, Waterford**

## Introduction

*This book contains all the relevant readings which can be used for the celebration of a funeral mass.*

*In choosing your readings please choose one reading from each of the following sections;*

- 1. The Old Testament*
- 2. A Responsorial Psalm*
- 3. The New Testament*
- 4. Alleluia Verse to read before the Gospel*

*You can also use the section on Prayers of the faithful as a guide to help you in writing your own prayers or as the prayers for the funeral mass.*

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## Old Testament Readings

### *READING 1*

#### **A reading from the book of Job**

(19: 1 23-27)

Job said:

‘Ah, would that these words of mine were written down,  
inscribed on some monument  
with some iron chisel and engraving tool,  
cut into the rock forever.

This I know: that my Avenger lives,  
and he, the Last, will take his stand on earth.  
After my awaking, he will set me close to him,  
and from my flesh I shall look on God.  
He whom I shall see will take my part:  
these eyes will gaze on him and find him not aloof.’

#### **The Word of the Lord.**

***READING 2***

**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 for ever.  
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.**

**READING 3**

**A reading from the book of Wisdom  
(shorter form)**

(3: 1 6-9)

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**The Word of the Lord.**

**READING 4**

**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

(4: 7-15)

The virtuous man, though he die before his time, will find rest.  
Length of days is not what makes age honourable,  
nor number of years the true measure of life:  
understanding, this is man's grey hairs,  
untarnished life, this is ripe old age.  
He has sought to please God, so God has loved him;  
as he was living among sinners, he has been taken up.  
He has been carried off so that evil may not warp his  
understanding or treachery seduce his soul;  
for the fascination of evil throws good things into the shade,  
and the whirlwind of desire corrupts a simple heart.  
Coming to perfection in so short a while, he achieved long life;  
his soul being pleasing to the Lord,  
he has taken him quickly from the wickedness around him.  
Yet people look on, uncomprehending;  
it does not enter their heads  
that grace and mercy await the chosen of the Lord,  
and protection, his holy ones.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**READING 5**

**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.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm

### RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

Ps 41: 2-3. 5. 42 : 3-5. R Ps. 41 : 3

**R/** *My soul is thirsting for God,  
The God of my life.*

1. Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God. **R/**
2. My soul is thirsting for god, the God of my life:  
when can I enter and see the face of God? **R/**
3. These things I will remember as I pour out my soul:  
how I would lead the rejoicing crowd into the house of  
God, amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving,  
the throng wild with joy. **R/**
4. O send forth your light and your truth: let these be my  
guide, bring me to your holy mountain,  
to the place where you dwell. **R/**
5. And I will come to the alter of God, the God of my joy.  
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp, O God, my  
God. **R/**
6. Why are you cast down, my soul, why groan within  
me? Hope in God: I will praise him still, My saviour  
and my God. **R/**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALMS**

Ps 102 : 8. 10. 13-18 R/ v 8. Alt. R/ Ps 36 : 39

**R/**     *The Lord is compassion and love*

or

**R/**     *The salvation of the just  
comes from the Lord*

1.     The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our faults. **R/**
2.     As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him; for he knows of what we are made, he remembers that we are dust. **R/**
3.     As a man, his days are like grass, he flowers like the flower of the field; the wind blows and he is gone and his place never sees him again. **R/**
4.     But the love of the Lord is everlasting, upon those who hold him in fear: his justice reaches out to children's children when they keep his covenant in truth. **R/**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALMS**

Ps 129 R/ v 1. Alt. R/ Ps v.5

**R/** *Out of the depths, I cry for you, O Lord*

or

**R/** *I wait for the Lord I Count on his Word*

1. 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 **R/**
2. If you, O lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness, for this we revere you **R/**
3. My Soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word, My soul is longing for the Lord, more than watchman for daybreak **R/**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity **R/**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALMS**

Ps 121 R/ v 1. Alt. R/ Ps v.1

**R/** *I rejoiced when I heard them say let us go to God's  
house*

or

**R/** *Let us go to God's house rejoicing*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say let us go to God's house, and now our feet are standing within your gates  
O Jerusalem **R/**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact, It is there  
that the tribes go up, The tribes of the Lord **R/**
3. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's Name,  
There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of  
David **R/**
4. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'peace be to your  
homes! May peace reign in your walls, In your palaces  
peace!' **R/**
5. For love of my brethren and friends I say 'Peace upon  
you! For love of the house of the lord I ask for your  
good. **R/**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALMS**

Ps 22 R/ v 4.

**R/** *If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil  
would I fear, for you are there with me.*

1. The lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want,  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he give me  
repose, Near restful waters he leads me to revive my  
drooping spirit **R/**
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 you crook and  
your staff, with these you give me comfort **R/**
3. You have prepared a banquet of me, In the sight of  
my foes. My head you have anointed with oil. My  
cup is overflowing **R/**
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. **R/**

## New Testament Readings

### READING 1

#### **A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

(5 : 5-11)

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though, of course, for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God’s anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

#### **The Word of the Lord.**

**READING 2**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

(10 : 34-43)

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. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing God and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judea and in Jerusalem itself: and also the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. How we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection 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.**

### **READING 3**

#### **A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

(5 : 17-21)

If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many were made righteous. When law came, it was to multiply the opportunities of falling, but however great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater; and so, just as sin reigned wherever there was death, so grace will reign to bring eternal life thanks to the righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **The Word of the Lord.**

**READING 4**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the 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.**

**READING 5**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

(8 : 14-23)

Everyone moved by the spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet to be revealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**READING 6**

**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 Jesus Christ? 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, no 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.**

**READING 7**

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

(15 : 20-28)

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to the God the Father. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. – Though when it is said that everything is subjected, this clearly cannot include the One who subjected everything to him, then the Son himself will subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**READING 8**

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

(15 : 51-57)

I will tell you something that has been secret: that we are not all going to die, but we shall all be changed. This will be instantaneous, in the twinkling of an eye, when the last trumpet sounds. It will sound, and the dead will be raised, imperishable, and we shall be changed as well, because our present perishable nature must be put on imperishability and this mortal nature must put on immortality. When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Reading 9**

**A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

(5:1 6-10)

We know that when the tent 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.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**READING 10**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians**

(3 : 20-21)

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**READING 11**

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.**

(4: 13-18)

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 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.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**READING 12**

**A reading from the Second letter of St. Paul to Timothy**

(2: 8-13)

Remember the good news that I carry, ‘Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the face of David’; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God’s news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on; If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, For he cannot disown his own self.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**READING 13**

**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.**

**READING 14**

**A reading from the first letter of St. John**

(3 : 14-16)

We have passed out of death and into life, and of this we can be sure because we love our brothers. If you refuse to love, you must remain dead; to hate your brother is to be a murderer, and murderers, as you know, do not have eternal life in them. This has taught us love - that he gave up his life for us; and we, too, ought to give up our lives for our brothers.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

- ***Matthew 11—25***

Alleluia, Alleluia

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia,

- ***Matthew 25 : 34***

Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Alleluia

- ***John 3: 16***

Alleluia, Alleluia

God loved the world so much that he gave us his only son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life.

Alleluia

- ***John 6: 39***

Alleluia, Alleluia

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.

Alleluia

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- ***John 6: 40***

Alleluia, Alleluia

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, all who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day.

Alleluia

- ***John 11: 25a, 26***

Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord; he who believes in me will not die

Alleluia

- ***Philippians 3:20***

Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Alleluia

- ***2 Timothy 2: 11-12a***

Alleluia, Alleluia

If we die with Christ we shall live with him, and if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with him

Alleluia

## Prayers of the Faithful - Male

Priest: *Lord, you are the source of all life, human and divine. You guard our coming in and our going out. Be with us now as we say farewell to our brother*

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1. Throughout his life \_\_\_\_\_ was a person of deep faith - a faith nourished by the Eucharist and the other sacraments. Gather him now with the saints around your heavenly table.

Lord, hear us.

2. We pray for all who cared for \_\_\_\_\_ during his illness - the staff at \_\_\_\_\_. Bless all of them Lord in their great work.

Lord, hear us.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ touched the lives of all of us. Help us to keep alive in our hearts the values and the ideals he put before us through his dedication to his family and his work.

Lord, hear us.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ shared in a unique way in the sufferings of Christ. May those sufferings now be transformed into the glory of the resurrection.

Lord, hear us.

5. For those for whom the burden of life is too much to bear. Give them courage to face the future with hope.

Lord, hear us.

6. We pray for all our departed brothers and sisters, especially \_\_\_\_\_ may \_\_\_\_\_ be reunited with \_\_\_\_\_ once more in that kingdom where there will be no more pain and no more tears.

Lord, hear us.

Priest: *Lord, support us all the day long, till the shadows lengthen, and evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at last. We make this our prayer through Jesus Christ your son who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.*

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Priest: *God, our Father, you are the author of all life. You give it and you take it away again. We ask you now to give our brother \_\_\_\_\_ the fullness of that life and rest for which he so earnestly longed.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was nourished at the table of your word and Eucharist. Make a special place for him around your heavenly table.

Lord, hear us.

2. Lord you are close to the broken-hearted and those whose spirits are crushed you will save. We ask you not to bind up the hearts that are broken by \_\_\_\_\_ untimely departure from us. Steady our trembling knees.

Lord, hear us.

3. For all who are crushed by the burden of illness and despair - that Christ may give them relief from their present pain and courage to face the future with hope.

Lord, hear us.

4. Lord, at this time of confusion in our lives deepen our faith in your final victory over death.

Lord, hear us.

5. As we say farewell to \_\_\_\_\_ we remember all who have gone before him - especially \_\_\_\_\_ and all our relatives and friends. Give them all eternal rest, O Lord.

Lord, hear us.

Priest: *God, of our salvation, You reward the just and comfort those who mourn, Look with compassion on your servant \_\_\_\_\_, whom you have called from this life to yourself. Bring him safely home to that heavenly dwelling, where there will be no more suffering and no more tears. We make this our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, who is Lord, forever and ever, Amen.*

Priest: *Let us now turn to Christ who gives strength to the weary, joy to those who are sad, and eternal life to all who believe in him*

1. For all who feel crushed by the burdens of life, especially those with heavy crosses to bear. Strengthen their weary arms and steady their trembling knees.

Lord, hear us.

2. That \_\_\_\_\_, who worked hard to the day of his death may hear the comforting words of the Lord himself, "well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Master".

Lord, hear us

3. For all whom \_\_\_\_\_ touched throughout his long life in his own quiet and gentle way. Give them peace of mind and heart.

Lord, hear us.

4. We pray for all who mourn, especially and all his relatives, loyal neighbours and friends. Help them to come to terms with his unexpected departure from us.

Lord, hear us.

5. We pray especially for all the Holy Souls. Bring them into your eternal kingdom and gather them round your heavenly table.

Lord, hear us.

Priest: *Lord, you support us all our days till the fever of life is over and our work is done. In your mercy and goodness give us a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at last in your heavenly kingdom. We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

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Priest: *God, our Father, you are the author of all life. You give it and you take it away again. We ask you now to give our brother \_\_\_\_\_ the fullness of that life for which he so earnestly longed.*

1. Lord you are close to the broken hearted and those whose spirits are crushed you will save. We ask you now to mend the hearts of all who broken by \_\_\_\_\_ sudden departure from us and to wipe away their tears.

Lord, hear us.

2. Lord God you made us and sustain us with your love. We ask to bless those who cared for those who will miss \_\_\_\_\_, & in a special way care for \_\_\_\_\_. Steady their trembling knees and give them the courage to face the future with hope.

Lord, hear us.

3. Lord God, during \_\_\_\_\_ life as a \_\_\_\_\_ He touched the lives of many of us. Help all of us to imitate his kindness, his gentleness and generosity of spirit.

Lord, hear us.

4. We know from the Scriptures that the souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God and no torment shall ever touch them. We ask you now to take to yourself our brother \_\_\_\_\_ who always tried to do your will.

Lord, hear us.

5. For all who have died in the peace of Christ that they may find rest in his kingdom of light and peace.

Lord, hear us.

Priest: *God, of our salvation, You reward the just and comfort those who mourn, Look with compassion on your servant \_\_\_\_\_, whom you have called from this life to yourself. Bring him safely home to that heavenly dwelling, where there will be no more suffering and no more tears. We make this our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, who is Lord, forever and ever, Amen.*

Priest: *God, our Father, you are the author of all life. You guard our coming in and our going out. We ask you now to give our brother \_\_\_\_\_ the fullness of that life and rest that he now deserves.*

1. In baptism \_\_\_\_\_ first received the light of Christ. He kept it burning brightly throughout his life. bring him safely home to that kingdom where there will be no more suffering and no more tears.

Lord, hear us.

2. Lord God we ask you to comfort and console all who will miss \_\_\_\_\_, especially his devoted family, his relatives and all his many loyal friends and neighbours.

Lord, hear us.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ knew the way of suffering and pain throughout his life. He walked his own Way of the Cross, nay lie now reap the rewards of his suffering.

Lord, hear us.

4. Lord, you triumphed over sin and death. Be present in our midst with your eternal life.

Lord, hear us.

5. As we say farewell to \_\_\_\_\_, we remember in a special way all who cared for him in his final illness, the staff at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, May their great work continue to bring relief to all who suffer.

Lord, hear us.

6. We remember all who have gone before us, especially \_\_\_\_\_ who died \_\_\_\_\_ May they be reunited once again in your heavenly kingdom.

Lord, hear us.

Priest: *God, of our salvation, You reward the just and comfort those who mourn, Look with compassion on your servant \_\_\_\_\_, whom you have called from this life to yourself. Bring him safely home to that heavenly dwelling, where there will be no more suffering and no more tears. We make this our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, who is Lord, forever and ever, Amen.*

## Prayers of the Faithful - Female

Priest: *Lord, you are the source of all life, human and divine. You guard our coming in and our going out. Be with now as we say farewell to our sister*

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1. Throughout her \_\_\_\_\_ life \_\_\_\_\_ was a person of deep faith - a faith nourished by the Eucharist and the other sacraments. Gather her now with your saints around your heavenly table.

Lord, hear us

2. We pray for all who cared for \_\_\_\_\_ during her \_\_\_\_\_ illness - the staff at \_\_\_\_\_ Bless all of them Lord in their great work.

Lord, hear us.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ touched the lives of all of us in her own quiet and unassuming way. Help us to keep alive in our lives the values and the ideals she put before us.

Lord, hear us

4. \_\_\_\_\_ shared in a unique way in the sufferings of Christ. May those sufferings now be transformed into glory

Lord, hear us.

5. We pray for all who have met with disappointment and tragedy in their lives of late. Give them courage to face the future with hope.

Lord, hear us.

6. We pray for all our departed brothers and sisters, especially \_\_\_\_\_ May \_\_\_\_\_ be reunited with \_\_\_\_\_ once more in that kingdom where there will be no more pain and no more tears.

Lord, hear us.

Priest: *Lord, support us all the day long, till the shadows lengthen, and evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at last. We make this our prayer through Jesus Christ your son who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.*

Priest: God, our Father, you are the author of all life you give it and you take it away again. We ask you now to give our sister \_\_\_\_\_ the fullness of that life and rest for which she so earnestly longed.

1. In baptism \_\_\_\_\_ first received the light of Christ. Scatter now the darkness that surrounds us and bring her safely home across the waters of death to the promised land of heaven.

Lord, hear us.

2. Lord God we ask you to comfort and console all who will miss \_\_\_\_\_ especially \_\_\_\_\_ and all her many loyal friends and neighbours.

Lord, hear us.

3. For all who are crushed by the burden of illness and despair - that Christ may give them relief from their present pain and courage to face the future with hope.

Lord, hear us.

4. God of patience and encouragement, be our companion and guide at this time of loss and confusion in our life.

Lord, hear us.

5. As we say farewell to \_\_\_\_\_ we remember all who have gone before her - especially \_\_\_\_\_ and all our relatives and friends. Give them all eternal rest, O Lord.

Lord, hear us.

Priest: *God, of our salvation, You reward the just and comfort those who mourn, Look with compassion on your servant \_\_\_\_\_, whom you have called from this life to yourself. Bring her safely home to that heavenly dwelling, where there will be no more suffering and no more tears. We make this our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.*

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Priest: *God, our Father, you are the author of all life. You guard our coming in and our going out. We ask you now to give our sister \_\_\_\_\_ the fullness of that life and rest that she now deserves.*

1. In baptism \_\_\_\_\_ first received the light of Christ She kept it burning brightly throughout her life. Bring her safely home to that kingdom that you have prepared for her.

Lord, hear us.

2. Lord God we ask you to comfort and console all who will miss \_\_\_\_\_ especially her devoted family, her relatives and all her many loyal friends and neighbours.

Lord, hear us.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ knew the way of suffering and pain throughout her life. She walked her own Calvary road. May she now reap the glory of the resurrection.

Lord, hear us.

4. \_\_\_\_\_, touched the lives of all of her through her deep faith in Christ. May we continue to cherish those values and that faith that she lived so deeply.

Lord, hear us.

5. As we say farewell to \_\_\_\_\_ we remember in a special way all who cared for her in her final illness, the staff \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. May their great work continue to bring relief to all who suffer.

Lord, hear us.

Priest; *God, of our salvation, You reward the just and comfort those who mourn, Look with compassion on your servant \_\_\_\_\_ whom you have called from this life to yourself. Bring her safely home to that heavenly dwelling where there will be no more suffering and no more tears. We make this our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.*

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1. In baptism \_\_\_\_\_ first received the light of Christ. Dispel the darkness that surrounds us now and bring her safely home across the waters of death to the promised land of heaven.

Lord, hear us.

2. Lord God we ask you to comfort and console all who will miss \_\_\_\_\_, especially \_\_\_\_\_, and all her many loyal friends and neighbours.

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ was nourished at the table of your word and your Eucharist. Keep a special place for her around your heavenly table.

Lord, hear us.

2. Lord you are close to the broken-hearted and those whose spirits are crushed you will save. We ask you not to bind up the hearts that are broken by \_\_\_\_\_ untimely departure from us.

Lord, hear us.

3. For all who are crushed by the burden of illness and despair - that Christ may give them relief from their present pain and courage to face the future with hope.

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