

*Prayer when someone has just died*

*The minister, a family member or a friend may use some or all of these words*

In this moment of sorrow the Lord is in our midst  
and consoles us with his word:

No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him.

*1 Corinthians 2.9*

Blessed are the sorrowful; they shall be comforted.

*cf Matthew 4.5*

Into your hands, O Lord,  
we humbly entrust our *brother/sister N*.  
In this life you embraced *him/her* with your tender love,  
and opened to *him/her* the gate of heaven.  
The old order has passed away,  
as you 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.  
**Amen.**

Heavenly Father,  
into whose hands Jesus Christ  
commended his spirit at the last hour:  
into those same hands we now commend your servant *N*,  
that death may be for *him/her*  
the gate to life and to eternal fellowship with you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Remember, O Lord,  
this your servant,  
who has gone before us with the sign of faith  
and now rests in the sleep of peace.  
According to your promises,  
grant to *him/her* and to all who rest in Christ,  
refreshment, light and peace;  
through the same Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Most merciful God,  
whose wisdom is beyond our understanding,  
surround the family of *N* with your love,  
that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss,  
but have confidence in your goodness,  
and strength to meet the days to come.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**