

May all who have known and loved ...*name*...
be strengthened and surrounded by love.
May they know understanding and feel the support
of those who love and care for them.
May they know love's light
to guide them through times of darkness
and in time may they know healing and peace.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

**Simple Prayers for the dying
– for use by staff**

When we pray with or for someone it may be possible to ask what they would like the prayer to be about or for.

This can be helpful, as you will then have some suggestions about what to say, but it can come with risks; you may be asked to pray 'for' something that seems impossible.

Please use these prayers as they are, unaltered, or adapt them according to the situation. Not overly religious, these prayers can be used in a variety of situations, but especially with non-religious people who might feel that they want something.

A prayer for someone who is seriously ill

I/we pray for peace.

May we know compassion and care;
may we be surrounded by goodness and love.

I pray for ...*name*...

May you feel the love and care of those around you;
may you be comforted and feel protected.

May any anxious thoughts be stilled;
may any worries be heard and understood.

May the loving and compassionate arms of God
enfold you and keep you safe.

I pray for all whom you love and care about:
your family, friends, neighbours...

May they be filled with compassion and understanding,
patience and strength.

May they be kept safe from harm.

May their love and care for each other
be a sustaining bond.

I pray for all who love and care for you:
your family, carers, doctors, nurses...

That they may be filled with love,
in doing all that they can for you.

And I pray for this place, that there may be peace,
and in that peace that you will truly know
that you are precious and loved.

Amen.

Words of commendation that may be used for someone who has just died

There is nothing in death or life,
in the world as it is,
or the world as it shall be,

Nothing in all creation
that can separate us
from the bonds of love.

...*name*...

You have been a precious part of our lives
and now we must part.

Go with our love and tears,
go with our sadness and hope,
go with our grief and longing.

We lift you to a new horizon
and pray that the company of heaven enfolds you
and holds you safe in a place of peace
this day and for evermore.

Amen.

Prayer after someone has died

We give thanks for life and the blessings it brings.

We give thanks for ...*name*...

for times shared together,
for the good we saw in her/him
and the love we received from her/him.