

or

Lord, in our sorrow we turn to you.  
Are you not the God of love, always ready to  
hear our cries?

Listen to our prayers for **N**,  
whom you have called out of this world:  
Lead **N** into your kingdom of light and peace  
and count him/her among your people in  
glory.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Prayers for the Family

Merciful Lord,  
Turn towards us and listen to our prayers.  
As we ask you to open heaven's gates to **N**  
We ask that you would help us who remain  
to comfort one another with the hope you  
give us in Christ, until in Christ, we all meet  
and are with you and with **N** for ever.

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Amen.

or

Loving Father,  
Comfort **N**'s family in their loss and sorrow.  
Be our refuge and our strength, O Lord,  
and hold us, even in the depth of our grief,  
in the peace and light of your presence.  
Amen.

### Concluding prayer

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:  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and  
of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

### Commendatory Prayers

**Use any or every reading as appropriate.**

#### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he restores my soul.  
He guides me in paths of righteousness for his  
name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the  
presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup  
overflows.  
Surely goodness and love will follow me all  
the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.

#### John 14 v1-6,27

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be  
troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In  
my Father's house are many rooms; if it were  
not so, I would have told you. I am going  
there to prepare a place for you. And if I go  
and prepare a place for you, I will come back  
and take you to be with me that you also may  
be where I am. You know the way to the  
place where I am going." Thomas said to him,

“Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

#### John 6 v37-40

JESUS SAID, “All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never turn away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

#### Romans 6 v5,8-9

If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

### **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 debts  
as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory, for ever.  
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glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

### **Commendatory Prayer**

**N**, I commend you to almighty God,  
who created you with love.  
May you return to Him who formed you from  
the dust of the earth.  
May Christ, who was crucified for you, bring  
you into freedom and peace.  
May Christ, who died for you, lead you into  
his garden of paradise.  
May Christ, who is the Good Shepherd,  
acknowledge you as one of his flock.  
May he forgive all your sins, and set you  
amongst those he has chosen.  
May you see your Redeemer face to face, and  
enjoy the vision of God forever.  
Amen.

**or**

Faithful God,  
In your wisdom you have called **N** out of this  
world;  
welcome him/her now into your presence;  
So he/she may enjoy eternal light and peace  
and be raised up in glory with all your saints.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **Commendatory Prayer**

We commend **N** into your hands, merciful  
Father, in the sure and certain hope  
that along with all who have died in Christ,  
**N** will rise with him on the last day.  
Amen.