

Quinn's

Funeral Homes Ltd

*Funeral
Liturgy*





READINGS FROM THE FUNERAL LITURGY BOOKLET

1st Reading Old Testament

Please choose 1

2nd Reading New Testament

Please choose 1

Prayers of the Faithful

Please choose 4 or 6

Decide if you will carry up any symbols,
or mementos at the start of the mass.

Choose who could carry up
Offertory Gifts
(Water, Wine and Bread)

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

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 iron chisel and engraving tool, cut into the rock for ever. 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.

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.

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Shorter form

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3

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 honorable, nor number of years the true measure of life; understanding, this is man's gray 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.

4

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.

5

A reading from the book of Lamentations

3:17-26

My soul is shut out from peace; I have forgotten happiness. And now I say, 'My strength is gone, that hope which came from the Lord'. Brooding on my anguish and affliction is gall and wormwood. My spirit ponders it continually and sinks within me.

This is what I shall tell my heart, and so recover hope: the favours of the Lord are not all past, his kindnesses are not exhausted; every morning they are renewed; great is his faithfulness.

'My portion is the Lord' says my soul 'and so I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who trust him, to the soul that searches for him. It is good to wait in silence for the Lord to save.

The word of the Lord.

6

A reading from the prophet Daniel

12:1-3

I, Daniel, was doing penance when I received this message from the Lord: 'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The word of the Lord.

7

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

12:43-45

Judas, the leader of the Jews, took a collection from the people individually, amounting to nearly two thousand drachmae, and sent it to Jerusalem to have a sacrifice for sin offered, an altogether fine and noble action, in which he took full account of the resurrection. For if he had not expected the fallen to rise again it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead, whereas if he had in view the splendid recompense reserved for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout. This was why he had this atonement sacrifice offered for the dead, so that they might be released from their sin.

The word of the Lord.

8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

35:3-6.10

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord.

9

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

2:1-9

My son, if you aspire to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for an ordeal. Be sincere of heart, be steadfast, and do not be alarmed when disaster comes. Cling to him and do not leave him, so that you may be honoured at the end of your days. Whatever happens to you, accept it, and in the uncertainties of your humble state, be patient, since gold is tested in the fire, and chosen men in the furnace of humiliation. Trust him and he will uphold you, follow a straight path and hope in him. You who fear the Lord, wait for his mercy; do not turn aside in case you fall. You who fear the Lord, trust him, and you will not be baulked of your reward. You who fear the Lord hope for good things, for everlasting happiness and mercy.

The word of the Lord.

10

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

(3: 1-8)

“For everything there is a reason, and a time for every matter under heaven;
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
A time to kill and a time to heal,
A time to break down, and a time to build up,
A time to weep, and a time to laugh,
A time to mourn, and a time to dance,
A time to throw away stones,
and a time to gather stones together.
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing,
A time to seek, and a time to lose,
A time to keep, and a time to throw away,
A time to tear, and a time to sew,
A time to love, and a time to hate,
A time for war and a time for peace.”

The word of the Lord.

11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:34-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘The truth I have now come to realize,’ 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 Judaea; 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 good 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 Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to 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. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead -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.'

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Shorter form

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The word of the Lord.

12

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

14: 13

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say to me, 'Write down: Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them.'

The word of the Lord.

13

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

20:11-21:1

I, John, saw a great white throne and the One who was sitting on it. In his presence, earth and sky vanished, leaving no trace. I saw the dead, both great and small, standing in front of his throne, while the book of life was opened, and other books opened which were the record of what they had done in their lives, by which the dead were judged.

The sea gave up all the dead who were in it; Death and Hades were emptied of the dead that were in them; and every one was judged according to the way in which he had lived. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the burning lake. This burning lake is the second death; and anybody whose name could not be found written in the book of life was thrown into the burning lake.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea.

The word of the Lord.

14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

21:1-7

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new,' he said. 'I will give water from the well of life free to anybody who is thirsty; it is the rightful inheritance of the one who proves victorious; and I will be his God and he a son to me.'

The word of the Lord.

15

A reading from the Book of Sirach

44: 10-15

Now will I praise those godly people, our ancestors...
...whose virtues have not been forgotten;
Their wealth remains in their families,
their heritage with their descendants;
Through God's covenant with them
their family endures, their posterity, for their sake.
And for all time their progeny will endure,
their glory will never be blotted out;
Their bodies are peacefully laid away,
but their name lives on and on.
At gatherings their wisdom is retold,
and the assembly proclaims their praise.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

1

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

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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

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

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.**

2

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

Or The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us
according to our faults. **R.**

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.**

As for 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.**

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.**

3

Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Or Let us go to God's house, rejoicing.

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And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

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.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in Your walls, in your palaces, peace!' **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **R.**

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

16

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.

17

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 will be 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.

18

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.

Shorter form

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

6:3-4. 8-9

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The word of the Lord.

19

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 unrevealed, 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.

20

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, 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.

21

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 judgment 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.

The word of the Lord.

22

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 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. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be 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.

Shorter form

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1

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The word of the Lord.

23

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 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.

24

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

4:14-5:1

We know that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God. That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For 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.

The word of the Lord.

25

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.

26

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 savior 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.

27

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 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.

The word of the Lord.

28

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 race 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.

29

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.

30

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.

31

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

12:31-13:1-7

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you away that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.

The word of the Lord.

32

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

4:6-8

As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The word of the Lord.

33

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

1:3-4.6-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens.

Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation, which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold-only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire-and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

34

A reading from the first letter of St John

4:7-12.17

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away. My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.

Love will come to its perfection in us when we can face the day of Judgment without fear; because even in this world we have become as he is.

The word of the Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- 1. Theme:** *Mission accomplished A (Death of an elderly person)*
Priest: If we trust in God, and have as our top priority to live a life pleasing to him, he will take care of us in life and in death. Let us pray with confidence to our Father in our hour of need. R. Lord, graciously hear us.
- Reader(s):**
1. N. lived along life; may he (she) obtain rest from his (her) labours, and the reward of all his (her) goodness. Lord, hear us. **R.**
 2. That Christ may pardon his (her) sins, and bring him (her), to a place of light, happiness and peace. Lord, hear us. **R.**
 3. That Christ may look with love on those who mourn N's passing. Lord, hear us. **R.**
 4. For those who looked after N.: that their generosity may be rewarded with abundant blessings. Lord, hear us. **R.**
 5. That all of us who have known him (her), and who take part in this celebration, may receive an increase of faith and hope. Lord, hear us. **R.**
 6. That all the dead, especially our relatives and friends, may find light, happiness and peace in the kingdom of heaven. Lord, hear us. **R.**
- Priest:** Lord, may you support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and evening falls, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done; then in your mercy, Lord, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- 2. Theme:** *Mission accomplished B (Death of an elderly person)*
Priest: For those who live a sincere and good life, the hour of death is transformed into an hour of glory, because Christ gives them the crown of eternal life. Let us pray in our hour of loss. R. Lord, graciously hear us.
- Reader(s):**
1. N. has finally reached the shore of eternity; now that all his (her) earthly tasks are completed, may he (she) enjoy rest from all his (her) labours. Lord, hear us. **R.**
 2. N. fought the good fight; he (she) finished the race; he (she) kept the faith; may he (she) now receive from Christ the crown of eternal glory which he won for us with his death and resurrection. Lord, hear us. **R.**
 3. That the hardships and sufferings N. endured in this life may gain for him (her) full remission of all his (her) sins. Lord, hear us. **R.**

4. For those who grieve over his (her) death: that through their faith in Christ their sorrow may soon be changed into joy. Lord, hear us. **R.**
5. For all those who cared for N. in his (her) old age: that the Lord may reward them for their kindness and patience. Lord, hear us. **R.**
6. For all who knew and loved N: that they may draw inspiration from his (her) life. Lord, hear us. **R.**

Priest: : Lord, may you support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen, and evening falls, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done; then in your mercy, Lord, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

3. Theme: *Sharing his sufferings (For someone who bore a lot of suffering and/or illness)*

Priest: We are children of the Father and co-heirs with Christ his Son. If we share Christ's sufferings in this life, we will share his glory in the next. With this hope let us pray in confidence to our Father. R. Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader(s):

1. N. shared in the passion of Christ; may he (she) now share in his risen glory. Lord, hear us. **R.**
2. For those who mourn N's death: that they may be comforted by the knowledge that, after all his (her) pain, he (she) is now at peace. Lord, hear us. **R.**
3. For all who suffer: that they may bear their pain with Christ-like love and patience. Lord, hear us. **R.**
4. For those who work for the sick and suffering: that they may have a kind heart and gentle hands. Lord, hear us. **R.**
5. For all here present: that we may remember that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory which is waiting for us in the next. Lord, hear us. **R.**

Priest: Father, your Son proved his love for you and for us by undergoing a humiliating death. You rewarded him by raising him from the dead and setting him at your right hand in glory. Help us to follow him with courage in this life so that we may share his glory in the next. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

4. Theme: *When the lights go out (Tragic Death)*

Priest: God the Father brought his Son through the darkness of Calvary to the glory of the resurrection. We are confident that he will bring us too through the darkness of death to his kingdom of light and peace. Let us now turn to him with our petitions. R. Lord, graciously hear us.

- Reader(s):**
1. That Christ, to whom N. was united in Baptism, may welcome him (her) into heaven and give him (her) a share in his glory. Lord, hear us. **R.**
 2. As death surprised N. with its suddenness, may Christ now surprise him (her) with his mercy and kindness. Lord, hear us. **R.**
 3. For the family, relatives and friends of N.: that they may find comfort in their faith in God, and strength through the support of the community. Lord, hear us. **R.**
 4. For all here: that we may grow in faith so that we can stand firm even when hardship, misfortune, or even tragedy visits us. Lord, hear us. **R.**
 5. For all those who have left this world in God's friendship, especially those who were dear to us. Lord, hear us. **R.**

Priest: Heavenly Father, give us the certainty that beyond death there is a life where broken things are mended and lost things are found; where there is rest for the weary and joy for the sad; where all that we have loved and willed of good exists, and where we will meet again our loved ones. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

5. Theme: *General*

Priest: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ 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 voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his: **R.** Hear our prayer.

- Reader(s):**
1. In baptism N. received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. Lord, in your mercy: **R.** Hear our prayer.
 2. Our brother/sister N. was nourished at the table of the Saviour. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**
 3. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**
 4. 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 to the eternal kingdom of peace. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**
 5. Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**
 6. The family and friends of N. seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**

7. We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister N. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**

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. Amen.

6. Theme: *General*

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: **R** Hear our prayer.

- Reader(s):**
1. For N. who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**
 2. For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**
 3. For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**
 4. For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. Lord, in your mercy. **R.**
 5. 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. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**
 6. For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. Lord, in your mercy: **R.**

Priest: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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