

Living With Hope ... Confronting Our Fears

A series on death and dying: The Catholic Perspective

Prayer Resources

A Prayer for those who Mourn:

God of all consolation,
in Your unending love and mercy of us
You turn the darkness of death
into dawn of new life.
Show compassion to your people in their
sorrow.

Be our refuge and our strength
to lift us from the darkness of this grief
to the peace and light of Your presence.

Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
by dying for us conquered death,
and by rising again, restored life.
May we then go forward eagerly to meet Him,
and after our life on earth
be reunited with our brothers and sisters
where every tear will be wiped away.

We ask this through Christ the Lord.
Amen.

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A Prayer for the Dying:

I commend you, my dear _____,
to almighty God,
and entrust you to your Creator.
May you return to Him
who formed you from the dust of the earth.
May Holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints
come to meet you as you go forth from this life.
May Christ who was crucified for you
bring you into his garden of paradise.
May Christ, the true Shepherd,
acknowledge you as one of His flock.
May He forgive all your sins,
and set you among those He has chosen.
May you see your Redeemer face to face,
and enjoy the vision of God forever.
Amen.

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Prayers of the Sick

Sometimes, short prayers, repeated slowly over and over, are most appropriate.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Living God,
have mercy on me.

Praised be Jesus Christ.

Lord, I hope in You.

Your will be done.

Strengthen me, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

My Lord and my God,

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Pray for us, holy Mother of God,
that we may become worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

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Prayers with the Dying

The following are some of the prayers that may be recited with the dying person, alternating with times of silence. Sometimes, the same prayer should be repeated many times. When the dying person cannot take part, those who are present continue to pray. In such prayers, the paschal character of a Christian's death is made manifest. The Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be and other prayers are also appropriate. The dying person may be signed on the forehead with the cross, as was done at baptism.

“**W**hat will separate us from the love of Christ?”
Romans 8:35

“Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.”
Romans 14:8

“We shall always be with the Lord.”
Thessalonians 4:17

“To you I lift up my soul, O Lord.”
Psalm 25:1

Even though I walk in the dark valley, I fear no evil;
for You are at my side.”
Psalm 23:4

“Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.”
Psalm 31:5a

“Jesus, remember me when You come into Your
kingdom.”
Luke 23:42

“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”
Acts 7:59

“Holy Mary, pray for me...Saint Joseph, pray for
me...Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last
agony.”

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