

Prayers in remembrance of those who have died and for those who mourn

Lord, we call to mind all those whose lives are done.

(A chance to reflect on a specific person or persons)

We thank you that their time, now completed,
is gathered up, looked on and known by you.

We offer up in remembrance:

those whose absence we feel daily;

those who have shaped us;

those who have nurtured us;

the people we are grateful to have walked with.

We give thanks for all they gave and all the future owes them.

Lord, your love embraces every person who has ever lived;

you promised that you lost none.

May your Spirit make us always thankful

for all our gifts of love and cherished memory. Amen

God our Father,

we thank you that you have made each of us in your own image,
and given us gifts and talents with which to serve you.

We thank you for *(name . . .)*,

the years we shared with *him/her*,

the good we saw in *him/her*,

the love we received from *him/her*.

Now give us strength and courage to leave *him/her* in your care,

confident in your promise of eternal life

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

God of mercy, Lord of life,

you have made us in your image to reflect your truth and light:

we give you thanks for *(name . . .)*,

for the grace and mercy *he/she* received from you,

for all that was good in *his/her* life, for the memories we treasure today.

[Especially we thank you . . .]

Amen

We give back to you, O God,
those whom you gave to us.
You did not lose them when you gave them to us,
and we do not lose them by their return to you.
Your Son has taught us that life is eternal and love cannot die.
You have told us that you are preparing a place for us:
prepare us, that where you are, we may be also. Amen

O God, who brought us to birth, and in whose arms we die,
in our grief and shock contain and comfort us;
embrace us with your love,
give us hope in our confusion
and grace to let go into new life;
through Jesus Christ. Amen