

PRAYER WITHIN THE HOUSE OF THE DECEASED

SIGN OF THE CROSS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R/ Amen.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Leader: My brothers and sisters, we believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death. Confident that God always remembers the good we have done and forgives our sins, let us pray, asking God to gather **(Name)** to himself:

Pause for silent prayer

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Lord our God, the death of our brother/sister **(Name)** recalls our human condition and the brevity of our lives on earth. But for those who believe in your love, death is not the end, nor does it destroy the bonds that you forge in our lives.

We share the faith of your Son's disciples and the hope of the children of God. Bring the light of Christ's resurrection to this time of testing and pain as we pray for **(Name)** and for those who love him/her, through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return and take you with me, so that where I am you may be too.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Pause for silent prayer (Family gathered may wish to offer personal prayers)

DECADE OF THE ROSARY

Traditionally the family might offer a decade of the Rosary for the happy repose of the deceased reflecting on the Mystery of the 'Resurrection'.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: Lord Jesus our Redeemer, you willingly gave yourself up to death, so that all might be saved and pass from death to life. We humbly ask you to comfort your servants in their grief and to receive **(Name)** into the arms of your mercy.

You alone are the Holy One, you are mercy itself; by dying you unlocked the gates of life for those who believe in you. Forgive **(Name)** his/her sins, and grant him/her a place of happiness, light and peace in the kingdom of your glory forever.

R/ Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord.

R/ And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

Leader: May he/she rest in peace.

R/ Amen.

Leader: May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R/ Amen.

