

RITE OF COMMITTAL (Graveside)

INVITATION

Our brother / sister (**Name**) has gone to his/her rest in the peace of Christ. May the Lord now welcome him/her to the table of God's children in heaven. With faith and hope in eternal life, let us assist him/her with our prayers.

Let us pray to the Lord also for ourselves. May we who mourn be reunited one day with our brother/sister....; together may we meet Christ Jesus when He who is our life appears in glory.

SCRIPTURE VERSE

We read in sacred Scripture (*Matthew 25:34*):

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord; inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

PRAYER OVER THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL (*The grave may be sprinkled with Holy Water*)

Lord Jesus Christ,
by your own three days in the tomb,
you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you
and so made the grave a sign of hope
that promises resurrection
even as it claims our mortal bodies.

Grant that our brother/sister (**Name**) may sleep here in peace
until you awaken him/her to glory,
for you are the resurrection and the life.
The he/she will see you face to face
and in your light will see light
and know the splendour of God,
for you live and reign for ever and ever.

R Amen.

COMMITTAL

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
we commend to Almighty God our brother/sister (**Name**)
and we commit his/her body to the ground,
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless him/her and keep him/her,
the Lord make his face to shine upon him/her
and be gracious to him/her,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon him/her
and give him/her peace.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Loving God, from whom all life proceeds
and by whose hand the dead are raised again.
though we are sinners, you wish always to hear us.

Accept the prayers we offer in sadness for your servant (**Name**):
deliver his/her soul from death,
number him/her among your saints
and clothe him/her with the robe of salvation
to enjoy for ever the delights of your kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

All pray silently.

Merciful Lord,
you know the anguish of the sorrowful,
you are attentive to the prayers of the humble.
Hear your people who cry out to you in their need,
and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness;
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

A decade of the Rosary may now be said:

Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord.

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

May he/she rest in peace.

R/. Amen.

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

R/. Amen.

