

Services for a Funeral – One

Prayers with the dying

1.	Scripture sentence	R3
2.	Prayer of Assurance	R3
3.	The Lord's Prayer	R3
4.	Commendation at the time of death	R3
5.	1 X Q F ' L P.L.W.W.L.V.....	R4
6.	Prayers with the family.....	R4

Nunc Dimittis

Now Lord you let your servant go in peace:

\ R X U Z R U G K D V E H H Q I X O ÷ O O H G

My own eyes have seen the salvation

which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal you to the nations,

and the glory of your people Israel.

Prayers with the family

Loving God, we turn to you now in our need.

The moment of death has come.

0 D \ Z H ÷ Q G W K H V W U H Q J W K D Q G I D L W K

to release ... N ... to you,

F R Q ÷ G H Q W m a y k n o w t h e y

of your eternal keeping.

You have shared these last days and hours

as you share all our days.

Stay close to us in the days to come.

Be our good shepherd,

light for our darkness, hope for our sorrow.

Hold us now and always

in the comfort and peace of your love.

7 K L V Z H D V N L Q W K H Q D P H R I - H V X V & K U L V W R X U 5 H G H H

All Amen.

or

Holy and gracious God,

we thank you that death is past

and you welcome home your precious child, ... N

As we have waited and watched and prayed,

you have been with us.

Because you love us so much

we may trust ... N ... to your mercy

and ourselves to your care.

We thank you for the years shared,

the precious memories that remain,

the legacy of love that is treasure beyond price.

Now we turn to you for hope, strength and comfort,

and cling to your promise to be with us always.

Guide us in the ways of your love

and lead us to the glory of your eternity.

All Amen.

Service before a Funeral

This order may be used when a service is requested at the home, at the chapel of rest, or in church at some time before the funeral.

1.	Scripture sentences	R6
2.	Prayer of Approach	R6
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A service of witness to the resurrection

1.	Scripture sentences	R10
2.	Preface	R10
3.	Hymn or song	R10
4.	Prayers of Approach and Confession	R10
5.	Readings from Scripture	R12
6.	Sermon on the Christian hope	R13
7.	Hymn or song	R13
8.	Thanksgiving for the victory of Christ	R13
9.	Thanksgiving for the life of the departed	R13
10.	Prayers of petition and Intercession	R13
11.	The Lord's Prayer	R14
12.	Hymn or song	R14
13.	Commendation	R14
14.	Blessing	R15

Committal

15.	Scripture sentences	R16
16.	Words of committal	R17
17.	The Lord's Prayer	R17
18.	Prayer	R17
19.	Dismissal and blessing	R17



All Amen.

or

God who gave us birth,
you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray.
You know our needs before we ask,
and our ignorance in asking.
Show us now your grace,
that as we face the mystery of death
we may see the light of eternity.
Speak to us once more
your joyful message of life and of death overcome.
Help us to live as those who are prepared to die,
and when our days here are ended,
enable us to die as those who go forth and live,
so that living or dying

R XU OL IH PD \ EH LQ - HVXV & KULVW RXU ULVHQ 6DYLRXU

All Amen.

God of compassion and grace,
faced now with the reality of death, sorrow and sin,
grieving and guilt intertwine.
In our frailty we confess
the regrets we can do nothing to change

DQG WKH XQIXO ; OOHG KRSHV RI ZKDW PLJKW KDYH EHHG

We ask you to heal our hurt with pardon and love.
In the mystery and mercy of your eternal love
from which nothing in life or death can ever separate us,

PD \ RXU IUHHGRP KRSH DQG SHDFH EH LQ & KULVW - HVX

All Amen.

+ HDU WKH ZRUGV RI RXU /RUG - HVXV & KULVW

'Your sins are forgiven.' Thanks be to God.

All Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Loving God,
we turn to you now, and to your Word,
so that we may renew our trust and our hope,
and be lifted from darkness and distress
into the light and peace of your presence,

WKURXJK - HVXV & KULVW WKH /LYLQJ :RUG

or

In scripture we read:

μ /RUG WR ZKRP FDQ ZH JR " <RX KDYH W-KRKQRUGV RI HV

Sermon on the Christian hope

Hymn or song

Thanksgiving for the victory of Christ

Almighty and everlasting God,

Blessing

The peace of God,
which is beyond all understanding,

J X D U G \ R X U K H D U W V D Q G W K R X J K W V L Q & K U L V W - H V X

And the blessing of God our Creator,
Christ, our Saviour,
and the Holy Spirit, our Comforter,
be with you always.

All Amen.

or

The blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you,
now and evermore.

All Amen.

or

All The grace

The funeral party may proceed from the church to the place of committal.

