

Services for a Funeral – Three

A service of Thanksgiving for one who has died

to be preceded or followed by the committal

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Opening words

We are here today
because ... N ... has died.
We are here to remember them before God
and to give thanks for their life.
We are here to express our sorrow,
the grief which hurts because we loved them.
We are here to listen to words from the Bible

Scripture sentences

St Paul says;
as it is written,
'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
... God has prepared for those who love him.'

1 Corinthians 2:9

Hymn or song

Opening prayers

God our Creator,
you made all the rhythms and patterns of creation,
and just as you give us birth
so you are there when death comes.
You have made us mortal beings,
and you give us a span of life,
a time to be born and a time to die.
Today we see the value of life
and are glad that it may be lived
within the knowledge of your eternity.

Loving God,
you comfort those who mourn.
We come before you
believing you share our love for ... N ...
and know our sense of loss at their death.

Assure us of your love
and support us with your strength,
today and in the days to come.
Even as we feel lost and sorrowful
hold us in your strong embrace.

have mercy upon us and bring us your peace.
When we are cast down or low in spirit,
keep us safe in your love
awaiting the day when we will know again
the possibility of joy.

God of all creation,
Spirit bringing hope and new life,
God the Holy Trinity,
we give you praise and claim your comforting love
this day and always,

All Amen.

who taught us to pray together the Lord's Prayer.

All Our Father ...

Tributes from family and friends

Members of the family, or friends, may speak about the life of the one who has died.

Readings from Scripture (and other appropriate sources)

Sermon

Hymn or song

We give thanks that they were such a person
that we are moved to grief and sorrow by their loss.
Help us, through their death,
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