

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
(14:1-6, 23, 27)

*The love of Jesus can raise us up from the sorrow of
death to the joy of eternal life.*

Jesus said to the 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 to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.*

You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are
going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said:

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.’ ‘If
anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.*

*‘Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we cry, the children of Eve;
to you we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this land of exile.

Turn, then, most gracious advocate
your eyes of mercy towards us;
lead us home at last
and show us the blessed fruit of your womb,
Jesus:

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary:
Pray for us, O holy mother of God.
Amen.

A reading from the first letter of St John (4:16)

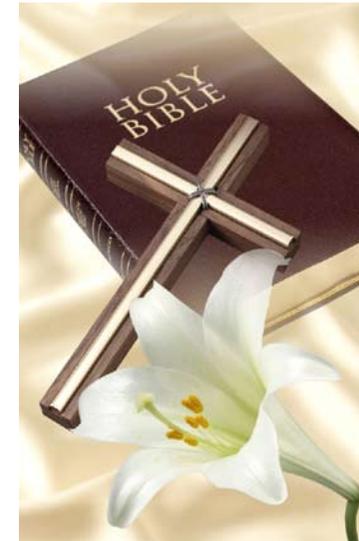
We ourselves have known and put our faith in
God’s love towards ourselves.

God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in
God, and God lives in him.



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“Though I walk
in the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me.”

Psalm 23:4

Prayers
for the
dying

In the *Catholic* tradition

Short SCRIPTURE texts

Romans 8:35

Who can separate us from the love of Christ?

Romans 14:8

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

2 Corinthians 5:1

We have an everlasting home in heaven.

1 Thessalonians 4:17

We shall be with the Lord for ever.

1 John 3:2 - We shall see God as he really is.

1 John 3:14 - We have passed from death to life because we love each another.

Luke 23:43 - The Lord Jesus says, today you will be with me in paradise.

John 14:2 - In my Father's home there are many dwelling places, says the Lord Jesus.

John 14:2-3 - The Lord Jesus says, I go to prepare a place for you, and I will come again and will take you to myself.

John 17:24 - I desire that where I am, they also may be with me, says the Lord Jesus.

John 6:40 - Anyone who believes in the Son has eternal life.

Psalms 30:5

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

Matthew 25:34 - Come, blessed of my Father, says the Lord Jesus, and take possession of the kingdom prepared for you.

Acts 7:59 - Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Holy Mary, pray for me.

Saint Joseph, pray for me.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

assist me in my final agony.

Prayer of Commendation

As the time of death approaches, this prayer may be said:

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world
in the name of God the almighty Father,
who created you,
in the name of Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
who suffered for you,
in the name of the Holy Spirit,
who was poured out upon you,
go forth, faithful Christian.

May you live in peace this day,
may your home be with God in Zion,
with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,
with Joseph, and all the angels and saints.

Amen.



Other Scripture texts

Job 19:23-27; Psalm 23; Psalm 25; Psalm 91

Psalm 121; Revelation 21:1-7; Matthew 25:1-13

Luke 22:39-46; Luke 23:44-49

Luke 24:1-8; John 6:37-40

To you, Lord, I lift up my soul...

The Lord is my light and my salvation...

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living...

My soul thirsts for the living God...

Prayers after death

The following prayers may be prayed immediately after death and may be repeated in the hours that follow:

Saints of God, come to his/her aid!
Come to meet him/her, angels of the Lord!

Response: Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to Abraham's side. R./

Give him/her eternal rest, O Lord, and may your
light shine on him/her for ever. R./

Let us pray. *(pause)*

All powerful and merciful God,
we commend to you *[Name]*, your servant.
In your mercy and love,
blot out the sins he/she has committed
through human weakness.

In this world he/she has died:
let him/her live with you for ever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

May he/she rest in peace.
Amen.

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