

Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
by dying for us, conquered death
and by rising again, restored life.
May we then go forward eagerly to meet him,
and after our life on earth
be reunited with our brothers and sisters
where every tear will be wiped away.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Lord.

- From the Anglican funeral service

Return, your mission now is over.
God who did call you here, now bids you go.
Return in peace, then, to your native shore
And tell the mighty secrets that you know.

- From the vision of Brendan

May the road rise to meet you;
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the rain fall softly on your fields.
Until we meet again
May God hold you
In the hollow of His hand.

- Irish blessing

*Prayers used draw upon the following liturgical resources:
The Book of Alternative Services, Anglican Church of Canada (1985)
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (2006)
Celtic Daily Prayer from the Northumbria Community (2000)*



PRAYERS TO
GRIEVE AND
REMEMBER

When all is dark,
and hope is buried,
it is hard to trust His words
that promised, before the pain:
He died that I might live.

In His death is my birth.
He died that I might live.

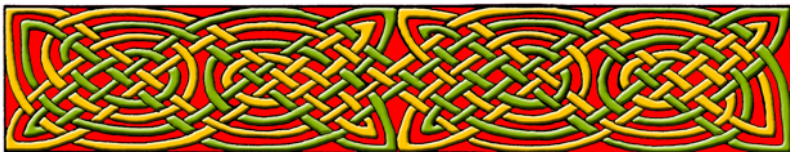
In His life is my life.
He died that I might live.

My Jesus! He died that I might live.

- Celtic prayer for Good Friday

Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort,
Graciously tend those who mourn, that,
Casting all their sorrow on you,
They may know the consolation of your love.

- Lutheran funeral prayer



Tonight I light a candle for *(name)*.
I give thanks for his/her life.
Trusting that *he/she* rests in Your love,
may I know peace in my heart.

- A candle prayer

The human soul is a light from God.
May it be your will that the soul of *(name)*
enjoy eternal life, along with the souls of
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah,
and the rest of the righteous that are in paradise.

- Jewish Yarzheit candle prayer

Rest eternal grant unto *(name)*, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon *him/her*.
May *his/her* soul and the souls of all the departed
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

- Committal prayer



God of grace and glory,
I thank you for *(name)*, who was so near and dear,
And who has now been taken from me.

I thank you for the friendship *he/she* gave and for the strength
and peace *he/she* brought.

I thank you for the love *he/she* offered and received while
she/he was with us on earth.

I pray that nothing good will be lost, but will be of benefit to
the world; that all that was important to *him/her* will be
respected by those who follow; and that everything in which
he/she was great will continue to mean much to me.

I ask you that *he/she* may go on living in *his/her* family and
friends: in their hearts and minds, in their courage and their
consciences.

I pray for myself, severely tested by this death, that I do not
try to minimize this loss, or seek refuge from it in words alone,
and also that I do not brood over it so that it overwhelms me
and isolates me from others.

May God grant me courage and confidence in Christ.

- Adapted from the Book of Alternative Services



Do not hurry as you walk with grief;
It does not help the journey.

Walk slowly, pausing often:
Do not hurry as you walk with grief.

Be not disturbed
by memories that come unbidden.
Swiftly forgive;
and let Christ speak for you
unspoken words.
Unfinished conversation
will be resolved in Him.
Be not disturbed.

Be gentle with the one
who walks with grief.
If it is you,
be gentle with yourself.
Swiftly forgive;
walk slowly,
pausing often.

Take time, be gentle
as you walk with grief.

- 'Walking with Grief' from Celtic Daily Prayer



Lord, listen to the prayers of this family
that put their trust in you.
In our sorrow at the death of *(name)*,
may we find hope in your infinite mercy.
As you gathered the children in your arms,
Hold us close in your love.

- Prayer on the death of a child

Creator of all,
We pray to you for those we love,
But see no longer.
Grant them your peace,
Let light perpetual shine upon them,
And in your loving wisdom and almighty power,
Work in them the good purpose of your perfect will;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God now and for ever.

- Prayer for All Souls Day



Eternal God,
Your love is stronger than death,
And your passion more fierce than the grave.
We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into
your eternal embrace. Keep us in joyful communion with
them until we join the saints of every people and nation
gathered before your throne in your ceaseless praise, through
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Prayer for remembrance of the faithful departed

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
Where sorrow and pain are no more,
Neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;
And we are mortal, formed of the earth,
And to earth shall we return.
For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”
All of us go down to the dust;
Yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- The Kontakion

