

De Profundis

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Let us pray.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful,
grant to the souls of your servants departed the remission of
all their sins, that through our pious supplication they may
obtain that pardon which they have always desired; who
lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING OF GRAVES



INTRODUCTION

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The grace and peace of God our Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, be with you always.

And with your spirit.

My dear friends, we gather today to pray for our brothers and sisters whose bodies lie here in rest. They have passed from death to life in company with the Lord Jesus, who died and rose to new life, and are being purified now of their fault. We pray that God may welcome them among all the saints of heaven.

READING OF THE WORD OF GOD

Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians: 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, to make sure that you do not grieve for them, as others do who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that in the same way God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that we who are still alive for the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have fallen asleep. At the signal given by the voice of the Archangel and the trumpet of God, the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and only after that shall we who remain alive be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. This is the way we shall be with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these, then, you should encourage one another.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

For the blessing of a gravestone or monument

O God,
By whose mercy the faithful find rest,
Bless this gravestone
With which we mark the resting place of N.
May he/she have everlasting life
And rejoice in you with your saints for ever.
Amen.

Prayer of Saint Gertrude the Great

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for all sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Prayer for all the Holy Souls

Immortal God, holy Lord, Father and Protector of all You have created, we raise our hearts to You today for those who have passed out of this mortal life. In Your loving mercy, Father of all, be pleased to receive them in Your heavenly company, and forgive the failings and faults they may have done from human frailty. Your only Son, Christ, our Saviour, suffered so cruelly that He might deliver them from the second death. By his merits may they share in the glory of His victory over sin and death. For all the faithful who have died we pray, but in particular for those dear to us, parents, relatives and friends. nor do we forget all who did good to us while on earth, who helped us by their prayers, sacrifice and example. We pray also for any who may have done us harm, and stand in special need of Your forgiveness. May the merits and prayers of our Virgin Mother, Mary, and those of all the Angels and Saints, speak for us and assist them now. This we ask in Christ's name.
Amen.

PRAYERS AT THE GRAVES

Merciful God,
Whose mercy is never withheld
From those who call upon you in hope,
Look kindly on your servants (N. and N.)
Who departed this life confessing your name,
And number them among your saints for evermore.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

or

Almighty God and Father,
By the mystery of the Cross you have made us strong;
By the sacrament of the resurrection
You have sealed us as your own.
Look kindly upon your servants,
Now freed from the bonds of mortality,
And count them among the saints in heaven.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

or

Almighty God and Father,
It our certain faith
That your Son, who died on the Cross,
was raised from the dead,
The first fruits of all who have fallen asleep.
Grant that through this mystery
Your servant N., who has gone to his/her rest in Christ
May also share in the joy of his resurrection.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 25*

R/. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

I trust you, let me not be disappointed;
do not let my enemies triumph.
Those who hope in you shall not be disappointed,
but only those who wantonly break faith. R/.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. R/.

In you I hope all day long
because of your goodness, O Lord.
Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me. R/.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor. R/.

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and law.
Lord, for the sake of your name
forgive my guilt, for it is great. R/.

LITANY

Lord, have mercy on us
Christ, have mercy on us
Lord, have mercy on us
Holy Mary, Mother of God
Saint Michael
Holy angels of God
Saint Joseph
Saint John the Baptist
Saint Peter and Saint Paul
Saint Andrew
Saint John
Saint Mary Magdalene
Saint Stephen
Saint Ignatius
Saint Lawrence
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity
Saint Agnes
Saint Gregory
Saint Augustine
Saint Athanasius
Saint Basil
Saint Martin
Saint Benedict
Saint Francis and Saint Dominic
Saint Francis Xavier
Saint John Vianney
Saint Catherine
Saint Theresa
All holy men and women

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Christ, have mercy on us
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Christ, pardon all their faults
Christ, remember the good
deeds they have done
Christ receive them into eternal life
Christ, comfort all those who mourn

Lord, hear our prayer
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With Christ there is mercy and fullness of redemption; let us
pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father...

PRAYER

Merciful Father,
hear our prayers and console us.
As we renew our faith in your Son,
whom you raised from the dead,
strengthen our hope that all our departed
brother and sisters will share in his resurrection,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.
Amen.

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

May the peace of God
which is beyond all understanding,
keep your heart and minds
in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.