**Funeral Accompanying Prayers**

**For the Bereaved**

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved, the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience, not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of thy great goodness in past years, and in the sure expectation of a joyful reunion in the heavenly places; and this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Collect**

Merciful Father,

hear our prayers and comfort us,

renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead,

strengthen our faith

that all who have died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

God of mercy, Lord of Life,

you have made us in your own image to reflect your truth and light;

we give you thanks for …..,

for the grace and mercy *he/she* received from you,

for all that was good and true in *his/her* life,

for the memories we treasure today.

[Especially we thank you …..}.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

**Thanksgiving**

Father of all, in whom we are one with your saints,

we remember with thanksgiving

those who we love but see no longer.

Keep us in unbroken friendship

with your whole Church,

and grant that we may all rejoice together in your heavenly home;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Communion of Saints**

Eternal God,

you hold all souls in life;

May the bright beams of your light and heavenly comfort

shine on your whole Church,

and grant that we, following the good example

of those who loved and served you here

and are now at rest,

may at last enter with them

into the fullness of your unending joy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty Father,

our Lord Jesus Christ sanctified the grave by his burial in a new tomb.

Bless the resting of ………………

whom we have left in your gracious keeping.

We look for the promised resurrection

at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

who is alive and reigns in glory,

with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen

**Nunc Dimittis**

1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:

your word has been fulfilled.

2 My own eyes have seen the salvation

which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

3 A light to reveal you to the nations

and to the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit;

as is was in the beginning, is now

and shall be for ever. Amen.

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