

Broadway and Wickhamford Parishes



Prayer Booklet

**Coronavirus (Covid-19) booklet for those self isolating
Personal Copy - Please do not pass these around**

Useful information

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Church of England website

Coronavirus updates:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

This website has up-to-date information and live streaming links to services and prayers

Prayer for the day:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer/todays-prayer>

Worcester Diocese Website

Podcast of Sermon for Sunday

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/category/sermon-podcasts/>

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Relevant Prayers / Scripture

suggested by the Church of England website

A prayer about the Coronavirus outbreak

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

For those in isolation

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For those who are worried/social cohesion

Loving Jesus, you are compassionate to those in need
and heal the sick in body and mind.
Look kindly on those who are fearful at this time.
Help us all to put away all thoughts and actions
that separate us from you and from one another.
Give us grace to live our lives
confident in your promise that you are with us always.
Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to care for the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.
Amen.

For those who are ill

Merciful God,
we entrust to your unfailing and tender care,
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

From one who is ill or isolated

O God,
help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe that nothing can separate me
from your love
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers for when you can't get to church

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,
and keep me in your care.
Amen.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

From St Patrick's Breastplate

I am giving you worship with all my life,
I am giving you obedience with all my power,
I am giving you praise with all my strength,
I am giving you honour with all my speech.
I am giving you love with all my heart,
I am giving you affection with all my sense,
I am giving you my being with all my mind,
I am giving you my soul, O most high and holy God.
Praise to the Father,
Praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit,
The Three in One.

*adapted from Alexander Carmichael,
Carmina Gadelica (1900)*

Lord Jesus Christ,
son of the living God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.

The 'Jesus Prayer'

After a time of prayer:

Be with us, Lord, in all our prayers,
and direct our way toward the attainment of salvation,
that among the changes and chances of this mortal life,
we may always be defended by your gracious help,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Endings for Intercession

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

St Benedict

Soul of Christ, sanctify me,
body of Christ, save me,
blood of Christ, inebriate me,
water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me:
hide me within your wounds
and never let me be separated from you.
From the wicked enemy defend me,
in the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come to you,
so that with your saints I may praise you
for ever and ever.

Anima Christi

Short passages of Scripture for reading and contemplation

Psalm 27 *The Lord is my light and my salvation*

Psalm 46 *Be still, and know that I am God.*

Psalm 91 *He shall cover you with his wings*

Psalm 139 *O Lord, you have searched me out and known me*

Isaiah 43 (esp vv.1-7) *Do not fear, for I am with you*

John 14 *Do not let your hearts be troubled*

A prayer for when a friend is ill

Dear God, (*name of friend*) is ill.

They are not allowed to go to school or come over to play.

I'm sad because I miss them.

They must be feeling miserable and lonely as well.

Please be close to them.

Please be with the people who are looking after them.

Please help them to get better and to know that you love them.

Amen.

A prayer for the world

God of love and hope,

You made the world and care for all creation.

But the world feels strange right now.

The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.

Many people are anxious because of it.

Many people are anxious that they might get ill.

Many people are anxious about their family and friends.

Be with them in their worries and help them to find some peace.

We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists who are working to discover the right medicines to give hope to those who are ill.

Thank you that even in these strange and worrying times, you are with us.

Help us to look for the signs of your goodness and love towards us.

Amen.

A prayer at bedtime

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the World, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.
Tonight we pray especially for *(names family or friends who are affected by Coronavirus)* and the people of *(country or place which is affected by Coronavirus)*.
Give skill and wisdom to all who are caring for them.
Amen.

A prayer remembering God is with us

Lord God, you are always with me.
You are with me in the day and in the night.
You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad.
You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill.
You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am anxious.
Today I am feeling *(name how you are feeling)* because *(reasons you are feeling this way)*.
Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today.
Amen.



Morning Prayer

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The Benedicite – a Song of Creation (shorter version)

1 Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

2 Bless the Lord you heavens:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

4 Bless the Lord all people on earth:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

5 O people of God bless the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

6 Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

7 Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

8 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.

The Song of the Three 35-37, 60-65

**Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

Amen.

Psalm

*The appointed psalmody is said.
Each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Canticle

A Song of David

**Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all.**

1 Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever,
for yours is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

2 Everything in heaven and on earth is yours;
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head over all.

3 Riches and honour come from you
and you rule over all.

4 In your hand are power and might;
yours it is to give power and strength to all.

5 And now we give you thanks, our God,
and praise your glorious name.

6 For all things come from you,
and of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29.10b-13,14b

**All/ Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen**

**Splendour and majesty are yours, O God;
you are exalted as head over all.**

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

Responsory

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.

And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears
you will appear with him in glory.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light**

from Colossians 3

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The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

**You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of your servant David.**

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of
death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of your servant David.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered
- for the day and its tasks
- for the world and its needs
- for the Church and her life

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day or the following is said

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Evening Prayer

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

A Song of Worship

- 1 Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.
- 2 Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary
and bless the Lord.
- 3 The Lord who made heaven and earth
give you blessing out of Zion.

Psalm 134

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

This opening prayer may be said
That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.
Amen.

Psalm

The appointed psalmody is said.
Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Canticle

A Song of the Lamb

**Let us rejoice and exult
and give glory and homage to our God.**

- 1 Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ♦
whose judgements are true and just.
- 2 Praise our God, all you his servants, ♦
all who fear him, both small and great.
- 3 The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns: ♦
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.
- 4 For the marriage of the Lamb has come ♦
and his bride has made herself ready.
- 5 Blessed are those who are invited ♦
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

Revelation 19.1b,2a,5b,6b,7,9b

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Let us rejoice and exult
and give glory and homage to our God.**

Scripture Reading

*One or more readings appointed for the day are read.
The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.*



Responsory

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Lord is the strength of my life.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

from Psalm 27 and John 1

Gospel Cantic

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

**You have done great things, O God,
and holy is your name.**

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**You have done great things, O God,
and holy is your name.**

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

- for peace

- for individuals and their needs

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day or the following is said

Lighten our darkness,

Lord, we pray,

and in your great mercy

defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,

for the love of your only Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



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Lectionary

Week beginning 15th March—Lent 3

Monday	MP	Ps 5	Gen. 47: 1-27	Heb. 4: 14-5:10
	EP	Ps 11	Jer. 11: 1-17	John 7: 37-52
Tuesday	MP	Ps 6	Gen. 47: 28-end	Heb. 5: 11-6:12
	EP	Ps 61	Jer. 11: 18-12:6	John 7:53-8:11
Wednesday	MP	Ps 38	Gen. 49: 1-32	Heb. 6: 13-end
	EP	Ps 36	Jer. 13: 1-11	John 8: 12-30
Thursday	MP	Ps 25	Gen. 49: 33-end of 50	Heb. 7: 1-10
	EP	Ps 1	Jer. 14	John 8: 31-47
Friday	MP	Ps 22	Exod. 1: 1-14	Heb. 7: 11-end
	EP	Ps 69	Jer. 15: 10-end	John 8: 48-end
Saturday	MP	Ps 31	Exod. 1: 22-2:10	Heb. 8
	EP	Ps 116	Jer. 16: 10-17:4	John 9: 1-17

Week beginning 22nd March—Lent 4

Sunday	MP	Ps 19	Isa. 43: 1-7	Eph 2: 8-14
	EP	Ps 31: 1-8	Mic. 7	John 3: 14-21
Monday	MP	Ps 73	Exod. 8: 1-19	Heb. 11: 17-31
	EP	Ps 26	Jer. 21: 1-10	John 11: 28-44
Tuesday	MP	Ps 35	Exod. 8:20-end	Heb. 11: 32-12:2
	EP	Ps 61	Jer. 22:1-5, 13-19	John 11: 45-end
Wednesday	MP	Ps 55	Exod. 9:1-12	Heb. 12: 3-13
	EP	Ps 56	Jer. 22:20-23:8	John 12: 1-11
Thursday	MP	Ps 40	Exod. 9: 13-end	Heb. 12: 14-end
	EP	Ps 42	Jer. 23: 9-32	John 12: 12-19
Friday	MP	Ps 22	Exod. 10	Heb. 13: 1-16
	EP	Ps 31	Jer. 24	John 12: 20-36a
Saturday	MP	Ps 23	Exod. 11	Heb. 13: 17-end
	EP	Ps 128	Jer. 25: 1-14	John 12: 36b-end

Week beginning 29th March—Lent 5



Palm Sunday	MP EP	Ps 61 Ps 80	Zech. 9:9-12 Isa. 5:1-7	Luke 16:19-end Matt. 21: 33-end
Monday	MP EP	Ps 41 Ps 25	Lam. 1: 1-12a Lam. 2: 8-19	Luke 22: 1-23 Col. 1: 18-23
Tuesday	MP EP	Ps 27 Ps 55: 13-24	Lam. 3: 1-18 Lam. 3: 40-51	Luke 22: 24-53 Gal. 6: 11-end
Wednesday	MP EP	Ps 102 Ps 88	Jer. 11: 18-20 Isa. 63: 1-9	Luke 22: 54-end Rev. 14: 18-15:4
Thursday	MP EP	Ps 42 Ps 39	Lev. 16: 2-24 Exod. 11	Luke 23: 1-25 Eph. 2: 11-18
Friday	MP EP	Ps 69 Ps 130	Heb. 10: 1-10 Col 1: 18-23	John 18 John 19
Saturday	MP EP	Ps 142 Ps 116	Hos. 6: 1-6 Job 19: 21-27	John 2: 18-22 1 John 5: 5-12

Week beginning 12th April—Easter

Easter Day	MP EP	Ps 114 Ps 105	Exod. 14: 10-18 S. of Sol. 3: 2-5, 8: 6-7	Rev. 15: 2-4 John 20: 11-18
Monday	MP EP	Ps 111 Ps 135	Exod. 12: 1-14 S. of Sol. 1: 9-2:7	1 Cor. 15: 1-11 Mark 16: 1-8
Tuesday	MP EP	Ps 112 Ps 136	Exod. 12: 14-36 S. of Sol. 2: 8-end	1 Cor. 15: 12-19 Luke 24: 1-12
Wednesday	MP EP	Ps 113 Ps 105	Exod. 12: 37-end S. of Sol. 3	1 Cor. 15: 20-28 Matt. 28: 16-end
Thursday	MP EP	Ps 114 Ps 106	Exod. 13: 1-16 S. of Sol. 5: 2-6:3	1 Cor. 15: 29-34 Luke 7: 11-17
Friday	MP EP	Ps 115 Ps 107	Exod. 13: 17-14:14 S. of Sol. 7: 10-8:4	1 Cor. 15: 35-50 Luke 8: 41-end
Saturday	MP EP	Ps 116 Ps 145	Exod. 14: 15-end S. of Sol. 8: 5-7	1 Cor. 15: 51-end John 11: 17-44

Week beginning 19th April—Easter 1

Sunday	MP	Ps 81: 1-10	Exod. 12:1-17	1 Cor. 5: 6b-8
	EP	Ps 30:1-5	Dan. 6: 1-23	Mark 15: 46-16: 8
Monday	MP	Ps 19	Exod. 15: 1-21	Col 1: 1-14
	EP	Ps 139	Deut. 1: 3-18	John 20: 1-10
Tuesday	MP	Ps 8	Exod. 15: 22-16: 10	Col 1: 15-end
	EP	Ps 104	Deut. 1: 19-40	John 20: 11-18
Wednesday	MP	Ps 16	Exod. 16; 11-end	Col 2: 1-15
	EP	Ps 33	Deut. 3: 18-end	John 20: 19-end
Thursday	MP	Ps 5	Exod. 17	Col 2: 16-3: 11
	EP	Ps 3	Deut 4: 1-14	John 21: 1-14
Friday	MP	Ps 57	Exod. 18: 1-12	Col 3: 12: 4:1
	EP	Ps 118	Deut. 4: 15-31	John 21: 15-19
Saturday	MP	Ps 148	Exod. 18: 13-end	Col 4: 2-end
	EP	Ps 45	Deut. 4: 32-40	John 21: 20-end

Week beginning 26th April—Easter 2

Sunday	MP	Ps 23	Isa. 40: 1-11	1 Pet. 5: 1-11
	EP	Ps 48	1 Cor. 3: 10-17	John 2: 13-22
Monday	MP	Ps 96	Exod. 19	Luke 1: 1-25
	EP	Ps 61	Deut. 5: 1-22	Eph. 1: 1-14
Tuesday	MP	Ps 98	Exod. 20: 1-21	Luke 1: 26-38
	EP	Ps 71	Deut. 5: 22-end	Eph. 1: 15-end
Wednesday	MP	Ps 105	Exod. 24	Luke 1: 39-56
	EP	Ps 67	Deut. 6	Eph. 2: 1010
Thursday	MP	Ps. 136	Exod. 25: 1-22	Luke 1: 57-end
	EP	Ps 73	Deut. 7: 1-11	Eph. 2: 11-end
Friday	MP	Ps 139	Exod. 28: 1-4a	Luke 2: 1-20
	EP	Ps 149	Deut. 7: 12-end	Eph. 3: 1-13
Saturday	MP	Ps 110	Exod. 29: 1-9	Luke 2: 21-40
	EP	Ps. 27	Deut. 8	Eph 3: 14-end

For those unable to be present at a funeral

Note

This service may be adapted to suit particular circumstances. It may be led by a friend or family member or by a minister. It is deliberately based on the Funeral Service itself.

Some sentences may be read from scripture

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

John 11.25,26

We brought nothing into the world, and we take nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

1 Timothy 6.7; Job 1.21b

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness.

Lamentations 3.22,23

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5.4

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3.16

The Gathering

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.

We join with those in (*place*)

in remembering before God *N*;

to give thanks for *his/her* life;

to commend *him/her* to God our merciful redeemer and judge;

to commit *his/her* body to be *buried/cremated*,

and to comfort one another in our grief.

God of all consolation,
your Son Jesus Christ was moved to tears
at the grave of Lazarus his friend.
Look with compassion on your children in their loss;
give to troubled hearts the light of hope
and strengthen in us the gift of faith,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God,
you judge us with infinite mercy and justice
and love everything you have made.
In your mercy
turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life,
and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Those present may be encouraged to share briefly their memories of the one who has died.

Reading

An appropriate reading from the selection here is read.

Isaiah 61.1-3 *To comfort all who mourn*

John 14.1-6 *In my Father's house are many rooms*

John 20.1-11 *The Resurrection of Christ*

Romans 8.31-end *Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ*

Romans 14.7-12 *Christ the Lord of the living and the dead*

1 Corinthians 13.1-end

1 Corinthians 15.1-26,35-38,42-44a,53-end *The resurrection of the dead*

1 Corinthians 15.20-end *The resurrection of the dead*

1 John 3.1-3 *We shall be like him*

Revelation 21.1-7 *Behold I make all things new*



Prayers

God of mercy, Lord of life,
you have made us in your image
to reflect your truth and light:
we give you thanks for *N*,
for the grace and mercy *he/she* received from you,
for all that was good in *his/her* life,
for the memories we treasure today.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Your mighty power brings joy out of grief
and life out of death.
Look in mercy on [... *and*] all who mourn.
Give them patient faith in times of darkness.
Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

God our Father,
we thank you that you have made each of us in your own image,
and given us gifts and talents with which to serve you.
We thank you for *N*,
the years we shared with *him/her*,
the good we saw in *him/her*,
the love we received from *him/her*.
Now give us strength and courage
to leave *him/her* in your care,
confident in your promise of eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Support us, O Lord,
all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last.

Let us conclude our prayers
as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Commendation and Farewell

We commend *N* to the mercy of God,
our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

God our creator and redeemer,
by your power Christ conquered death
and entered into glory.
Confident of his victory
and claiming his promises,
With those in (*place*) we entrust *N* to your mercy
in the name of Jesus our Lord,
who died and is alive
and reigns with you,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Conclusion

The Lord God almighty is our Father:
he loves us and tenderly cares for us.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:
he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.

The Lord, the Holy Spirit is among us:
he will lead us in God's holy way.

To God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be praise and glory today and for ever. Amen.

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