

FORM FOR BURIALS

Beloved in our Lord Jesus Christ, it has pleased the Lord of life and death, to take from us, (Full Name).

Where we have now come to bury the deceased, we build on the words of our Lord and Saviour who said: *"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"* (John 11: 25-26)

He also declared: *"Don't be afraid! I am the first and the last. I am the living one! I was dead, but now I am alive for ever and ever. I have authority over death and the world of the dead."* (Rev 1: 17-18)

Because He was resurrected and live we also who believe in Him, will be resurrected with Him and live with Him (2 Tim 2:11; Eph 2:5-6). Beloved, because we know that death also awaits us, let us pray to God to teach us so to number our days, that we may become wise, so that we may spend the precious remaining days of our life in such a way, that all we do may be to His glory (Ps 90: 12; Col 3: 23; 1 Pet 4: 11).

(Close with confession of faith and prayer, which can be the Lord's Prayer)

Confession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

1. I believe in God, the Father, almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 2. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 3. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary,
 4. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and was buried; He descended to hell.
 5. The third day He rose again from the dead.
 6. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 7. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 8. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 9. the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
 10. the forgiveness of sins,
 11. the resurrection of the body,
 12. and the life everlasting.
- Amen.

Lord's Prayer (Modern)

(New English Version - adopted by the Church of England in 1977)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever.
Amen.