And may almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

 *R. Amen.*

May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ
bless and console us
and gently wipe every tear from our eyes:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

 *R. Amen.*

Go in the peace of Christ.

 *R. Thanks be to God.*

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**Rite of committal**

**invitation**

Our brother/sister, NAME, has gone to his rest in the peace of Christ. May the Lord now welcome him to the table of God’s children in heaven. With faith and hope in eternal life, let us assist him with our prayers.

Let us pray to the Lord also for ourselves. May we who mourn be united one day with our brother/sister; together may we meet Christ Jesus when He who is our life appears in glory.

**Scripture verse**

Prayer over the place of committal

All praise to you, Lord of all creation.
Praise to you, holy and living God.
We praise and bless you for your mercy,
we praise and bless you for your kindness.
Blessed is the Lord, our God.

 *R. Blessed is the Lord, our God.*

You sanctify the homes of the living
and make holy the places of the dead.
You alone open the gates of righteousness
and lead us to the dwellings of the saints.
Bless is the Lord, our God.

 *R. Blessed is the Lord, our God.*

We praise you, our refuge and strength.
We bless you, our God and Redeemer.
Your praise is always in our hearts and on our lips.
We remember the mighty deeds and the covenant.
Bless is the Lord, our God.

 *R. Blessed is the Lord, our God.*

Almighty and ever-living God,
remember the mercy with which you graced
your servant, NAME, in life.
Receive him/her, we pray into the mansions of the saints.

As we make ready our /sister’s resting place,
look also with favor on those who mourn
and comfort them in their loss.
Grant this through Christ, our Lord.

 *R. Amen.*

**COMMITTAL**

INVITATION TO PRAYER

In confident hope that one day God will raise us
and transform our mortal bodies, let us pray.
*Pause for silent prayer.*

INTERCESSIONS

Dear friends,
in reverence let us pray to God,
the sources of all mercies.

Gracious Lord,
forgive the sins of those who have died in Christ.
Lord, in your mercy:

 *R. Hear our prayer.*

Remember all the good they have done.
Lord, in your mercy:

 *R. Hear our prayer.*

Welcome them into eternal life.
Lord, in your mercy:

 *R. Hear our prayer.*

Let us pray for those who mourn.
Comfort them in their grief.
Lord, in your mercy:

 *R. Hear our prayer.*

Lighten their sense of loss with your presence.
Lord, in your mercy:

 *R. Hear our prayer.*

Increase their faith and strengthen their hope.
Lord, in your mercy:

 *R. Hear our prayer.*

Let us also pray for ourselves on our pilgrimage through life,
keep us faithful in your service.
Lord, in your mercy:

 *R. Hear our prayer.*

Kindle in our hearts a longing for heaven.
Lord, in your mercy:

 *R. Hear our prayer.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

With longing for the coming of God’s kingdom, let us pray:

 *R. Our Father…*

**CONCLUDING PRAYER**

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

Merciful Lord,
you know the anguish of the sorrowful,
you are attentive to the prayers of the humble.
Hear your people
who cry to you in their need,
and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

 *R. Amen.*

Eternal rest grant unto /her, O Lord.

 *R. And let the perpetual light shine upon him/her.*

May /she rest in peace.

 *R. Amen.*

May /her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

 *R. Amen.*

May the peace of God
which is beyond all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

 *R. Amen.*