

# A prayer for when visiting a grave

## Introduction

We come to pray for those we love who have died and gone before us.

As we remember the death of our loved one(s) we pray in faith that by the new creation they may bear the image of Jesus who was raised to glory.

## Reading

St Paul wrote:

We believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more.

*Romans 6:8-9*

## Prayer

Eternal God,  
we give thanks for N.  
We come to remember *him/her*,  
for the bonds of love are not unravelled by death.  
Keep us all one in your love and care  
so that at the last, with N.,  
we may be gathered together in your loving embrace.  
O God, when memory is sad,  
hold us gently in your hand.  
When memory is sweet,  
give us grace to thank you.  
Watch always over N.,  
and at the last may we all be united in your glory.  
These things we ask through Jesus Christ,  
your Son, our Lord  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Those gathered in prayer might like to now sprinkle the grave with Holy Water, or place flowers on the grave.*

Now let us pray as Christ the Lord has taught us:

*All say:*

**Our Father....**

Eternal rest grant unto him /her, O Lord.

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

May he/she rest in peace.

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

