

I weave
The comfort of the Spirit.

Into my grieving
I receive
The presence of the Three in One.

Into my anger
I invite
The patience of the Father.

Into my numbness
I invite
The healing of the Son.

Into my confusion
I invite
The wisdom of the Spirit.
And we shall grieve together,
I, in community,
With the Three in One.

Some prayer resources for use before, at, and after the time of death



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On separation from loved ones

Give *them* peace
To know I am unharmed.
Give *them* hope
To know I will return.
Give *them* patience to wait
And courage to endure the waiting.
Give *them* strength
So that they will not grow weary.

Amen

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A Prayer in a time of darkness

All that I love
Into your keeping.
All that I care for
Into your care.

Be with us by day,
Be with us by night;
And as dark closes
The eyelids with sleep,
May I waken
To the peace of a new day.

Amen.

At the time of death

Eternal God,
Grant to your servant
Your peace beyond understanding.
Give us faith, the comfort of your presence,

We have come to be sought by You;
Just as we are we come.

We come as we are,
With our anguish and our pain.

We come as we are,
With our anger and disappointment.

We come as we are,
In our loss and confusion.

We come as we are,
With our hopes dashed,
Our faith shaken,
And our spirits wearied.

O God, who is close to the broken-hearted,
Bind up our wounded hearts.
O God, who saves those crushed in spirit,
Bring peace to our troubled souls.

Into my grieving

Into my grieving
I weave
The strength of the Father.
Into my grieving
I weave
The compassion of the Son.
In my grieving

May the eternal God
Bless and keep us,
Guard our bodies,
Save our souls, and bring us safe to the heavenly country,
Our eternal home,, where Father, Son and Holy Spirit reign,
One God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Prayer when someone has just died

In this moment of sorrow the Lord is in our midst and consoles
us with his word;
No eye has seen, not ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,
What God has prepared for those who love him.

Blessed are the sorrowful; they shall be comforted.

Into your hands, O Lord,
We humbly entrust our brother/sister (*Name of person*) .
In this life you embraced him/her with your tender love.,
And opened to him/her the gate of heaven.
The old order has passed away,
As you welcome him/her into paradise,
Where there will be no sorrow, no weeping not pain,
But the fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen.

For the recently bereaved

We have come to seek You, O God
Just as we are we come.

And the words to say to one another and to you,
As we gather in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Psalm 121

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills;
From where is my help to come?
2. My help comes from the Lord,
The maker of heaven and earth.
3. He will not suffer your foot to stumble;
He who watches over you will not sleep.
4. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
Shall neither slumber or sleep.
5. The Lord himself watches over you;
The Lord is your shade at your right hand,
6. So that the sun shall not strike by day,
Neither the moon by night.
7. The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
It is he who shall keep your soul.
8. The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your
coming in,
From this time forth for evermore.

Lord,
In weakness or in strength
We bear your image.
We pray for those we love
who now live in a land of shadows,
where the light of memory is dimmed,
where the familiar lies unknown,
where the beloved become as strangers.
Hold them in your everlasting arms,
and grant to those who care,
a strength to serve,
a patience to persevere,
a love to last
and a peace that passes human understanding.
Hold us in your everlasting arms,
today and for all eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, O God, to trust your love,
to seek your purpose
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Name of person) , go forth from this world;
In the love of God the Father who created you,
In the mercy of Jesus Christ who redeemed you,
In the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you

May the heavenly host sustain you
and the company of heaven enfold you.
In communion with all the faithful,
May you dwell this day in peace. Amen.

In to your hands, O merciful Saviour;
We commend your servant *(Name of person)* .
Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold,
A lamb of your own flock,
A sinner of own redeeming.
Enfold him/her in the arms of your mercy,
In the blessed rest of everlasting peace
And in the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

1. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to your word.

2. For mine eyes have seen:
thy salvation;

3. Which thou hast prepared:
before the face of all people;

4. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen