

Catholic Prayers for the Dead

The Church's traditional prayer for the faithful departed (Fidelium, Deus), a traditional prayer to the Sacred Heart, the Eternal Rest prayer, and two prayers from the Order of Christian Funerals (USCCB; English translation © ICEL).

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Your servants and handmaids the forgiveness of all their sins. Through our devout prayers, may they obtain the pardon which they have always desired. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart for a Departed Soul

O gentlest Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy servant, N. Be not severe in Thy judgment, but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon our beloved departed; and do Thou, O merciful Savior, send Thy angels to conduct the soul of Thy servant to a place of refreshment and peace. Amen.

Eternal Rest

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer at the Grave

Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies. Grant that our brother/sister, N., may sleep here in peace until you awaken him/her to glory, for you are the resurrection and the life. Then he/she will see you face to face and in your light will see light and know the splendor of God, for you live and reign forever and ever. Amen.