

Funeral Readings & Prayers of the Faithful

FIRST READING please choose one

A-1 A reading from the second Book of

Maccabees 12:43-46

Judas, the ruler of Israel,
took up a collection among all his soldiers,
amounting to two thousand silver drachmas,
which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an
expiatory sacrifice.

In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble
way,

inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead
in view;

for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise
again,

it would have been useless and foolish to pray
for them in death.

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward
that awaits those who had gone to rest in
godliness,

it was a holy and pious thought.

Thus he made atonement for the dead
that they might be freed from this sin.

The word of the Lord.

A-2 A reading from the Book of

Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

The souls of the just are in the hand of God
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if in the eyes of men, indeed they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them,
and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to
himself.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The word of the Lord.

Wisdom 4:7-15

The just, though they die early,
shall be at rest.

For the age that is honorable comes not
with the passing of time,
nor can it be measured in terms of years.

Rather, understanding is the hoary crown,
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

Those who pleased God were loved;
they who lived among sinners were transported—
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert their mind
or deceit beguile their soul;

For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is
right

and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent
mind.

Having become perfect in a short while,
they reached the fullness of a long career;
for their souls were pleasing to the Lord,
therefore he sped them out of the midst of
wickedness.

But the people saw and did not understand,
nor did they take this into account.

The word of the Lord.

A-4 A reading from the Book of the Prophet

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts
will provide for all peoples.

On this mountain he will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,

The web that is woven over all nations;
he will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away
the tears from all faces;

The reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.
On that day it will be said:

“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!
This is the Lord for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The word of the Lord.

A-5 A reading from the Book of

Lamentations 3:17-26

My soul is deprived of peace,

I have forgotten what happiness is;
I tell myself my future is lost,
all that I hoped for from the Lord.

The thought of my homeless poverty
is wormwood and gall;
Remembering it over and over
leaves my soul downcast within me.
But I will call this to mind,
as my reason to have hope:
The favors of the Lord are not exhausted,
his mercies are not spent;
They are renewed each morning,
so great is his faithfulness.
My portion is the Lord, says my soul;
therefore will I hope in him.
Good is the Lord to one who waits for him,
to the soul that seeks him;
It is good to hope in silence
for the saving help of the Lord.
The word of the Lord.

A-6 *A reading from the Book of
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11*

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every thing under the heavens.
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from
embraces.
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

The word of the Lord.

First Reading – Easter Season

AA-1 *A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles 10:34-36, 42-43*

Peter proceeded to speak, saying:
“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts
uprightly
is acceptable to him.
You know the word that he sent to the children of
Israel

as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ,
who is Lord of all.
He commissioned us to preach to the people
and testify that he is the one appointed by God
as judge of the living and the dead.
To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins through his
name.”
The word of the Lord.

AA-2 *A reading from the Book of
Revelation 14:13*

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this:
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from
now on.”
“Yes,” said the Spirit,
“let them find rest from their labors,
for their works accompany them.”

The word of the Lord.

AA-3 *A reading from the Book of
Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The former heaven and the former earth had passed
away,
and the sea was no more.
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his people
and God himself will always be with them as
their God.
He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning,
wailing or pain,
for the old order has passed away.”
The One who sat on the throne said,
“Behold, I make all things new.”
I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.
To the thirsty I will give a gift
from the spring of life-giving water.
The victor will inherit these gifts,
and I shall be his God,
and he will be my son.”

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING
please choose one

B-1 *A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 5:5-11*

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured out into
our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to
us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless,
died at the appointed time for the ungodly.
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just
person,

though perhaps for a good person
one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for
us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by
his Blood,

will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies,
we were reconciled to God through the death of
his Son,

how much more, once reconciled,
will we be saved by his life.

Not only that,
but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus
Christ,

through whom we have now received
reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

B-2 *A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 6:3-4, 8-9*

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into
Christ Jesus

were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism
into death,

so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no
more;

death no longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord.

B-3 *A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 8:14-23*

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of
God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall
back into fear,

but you received a spirit of adoption,
through which we cry, *Abba*, "Father!"

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit
that we are children of God,

and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,
if only we suffer with him
so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are as nothing

compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

For creation awaits with eager expectation

the revelation of the children of God;

for creation was made subject to futility,

not of its own accord but because of the one who
subjected it,

in hope that creation itself

would be set free from slavery to corruption

and share in the glorious freedom of the children
of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains
even until now;

and not only that, but we ourselves,
who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,
we also groan within ourselves

as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our
bodies

The word of the Lord.

B-4 *A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39*

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

will he not also give us everything else along
with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen
ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,
who also is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.
What will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?
No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly
through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

B-5 *A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 15:51-57*

Brothers and sisters:
Behold, I tell you a mystery.
We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be
changed,
in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last
trumpet.
For the trumpet will sound,
the dead will be raised incorruptible,
and we shall be changed.
For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with
incorruptibility,
and that which is mortal must clothe itself with
immortality.
And when this which is corruptible clothes itself
with incorruptibility
and this which is mortal clothes itself with
immortality,
then the word that is written shall come about:
Death is swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?
The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

B-6 *A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12*

Brothers and sisters:
No one lives for oneself,
and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the
Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the
living.
Why then do you judge your brother?
Or you, why do you look down on your brother?
For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of
God;

for it is written:

*As I live, says the Lord, every knee
shall bend before me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.*

So then each of us shall give an accounting of
himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

B-7 *A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 4:6-8*

Beloved:
I am already being poured out like a libation,
and the time of my departure is at hand.
I have competed well; I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith.
From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,
which the Lord, the just judge,
will award to me on that day, and not only to me,
but to all who have longed for his appearance.
The word of the Lord.

B-8 *A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 4:14--5:1*

Brothers and sisters:
Knowing that the One who raised the Lord Jesus
will raise us also with Jesus
and place us with you in his presence.
Everything indeed is for you,
so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more
and more people
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the
glory of God.
Therefore, we are not discouraged;
rather, although our outer self is wasting away,
our inner self is being renewed day by day.
For this momentary light affliction
is producing for us an eternal weight of glory
beyond all comparison,
as we look not to what is seen but to what is
unseen;
for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen
is eternal.
For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,
should be destroyed,

we have a building from God,
a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in
heaven.

The word of the Lord.

B-9 *A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul
to the Corinthians 5:1, 6-10*

Brothers and sisters:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,
should be destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a dwelling not made with hands,
eternal in heaven.

We are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home in
the body

we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous,
and we would rather leave the body and go home
to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him,
whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of
Christ,

so that each may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body, whether
good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

B-10 *A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul
to the Thessalonians 4:13-18*

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and
sisters,

about those who have fallen asleep,
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who
have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will surely not precede those who have fallen
asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command,
with the voice of an archangel and with the
trumpet of God,
will come down from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them in the
clouds

to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore, console one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

B-11 *A reading from the second Letter of Saint
Paul to Timothy 2:8-13*

Beloved:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a
descendant of David:

such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering,
even to the point of chains, like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of
those who are chosen,

so that they too may obtain the salvation that is
in Christ Jesus,

together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him

we shall also live with him;

if we persevere

we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him

he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful

he remains faithful,

for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord.

B-12 *A reading from the first Letter of Saint
John 3:1-2*

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;

what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be
like him,

for we shall see him as he is.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL READINGS
please choose one

**C-1 + A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 5:1-12a**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the
sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and
persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you
falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C-2 + A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 11:25-30**

At that time Jesus answered:

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth,

for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.
All things have been handed over to me by my
Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son

and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal
him.”

“Come to me, all you who labor and are
burdened,

and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C-3 + A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
he will sit upon his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before
him.

And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the
goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats
on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,

‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food,

I was thirsty and you gave me drink,

a stranger and you welcomed me,

naked and you clothed me,

ill and you cared for me,

in prison and you visited me.’

Then the righteous will answer him and say,

‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed

you,

or thirsty and give you drink?

When did we see you a stranger and welcome
you,

or naked and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit
you?’

And the king will say to them in reply,

‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did

for one of these least brothers of mine, you did
for me.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C-4 + A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke 7:11-17**

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain,
and his disciples and a large crowd
accompanied him.
As he drew near to the gate of the city,
a man who had died was being carried out,
the only son of his mother, and she was a
widow.
A large crowd from the city was with her.

When the Lord saw her,
he was moved with pity for her and said to her,
“Do not weep.”
He stepped forward and touched the coffin;
at this the bearers halted,
and he said, “Young man, I tell you, arise!”
The dead man sat up and began to speak,
and Jesus gave him to his mother.

Fear seized them all, and they glorified God,
exclaiming,
“A great prophet has arisen in our midst,”
and “God has visited his people.”
This report about him spread through the whole
of Judea
and in all the surrounding region.
The Gospel of the Lord.

**C-5 + A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke 4:13-16, 28-35**

That very day, the first day of the week,
two of the disciples of Jesus were going
to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from
Jerusalem,
and they were conversing about all the things
that had occurred.
And it happened that while they were conversing
and debating,
Jesus himself drew near and walked with
them,
but their eyes were prevented from
recognizing him.
As they approached the village to which they
were going,
he gave the impression that he was going on
farther.
But they urged him, “Stay with us,

for it is nearly evening and the day is almost
over.”
So he went in to stay with them.
And it happened that, while he was with them at
table,
he took bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to them.
With that their eyes were opened and they
recognized him,
but he vanished from their sight.
Then they said to each other,
“Were not our hearts burning within us
while he spoke to us on the way and opened
the Scriptures to us?”
So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem
where they found gathered together
the Eleven and those with them, who were
saying,
“The Lord has truly been raised and has
appeared to Simon!”
Then the two recounted
what had taken place on the way
and how he was made known to them in the
breaking of the bread.
The Gospel of the Lord.

**C-6 + A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John 6:37-40**

Jesus said to the crowds:
“Everything that the Father gives me will come to
me,
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven not to do
my own will
but the will of the one who sent me.
And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not lose anything of what he gave
me,
but that I should raise it on the last day.
For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in
him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day.”
The Gospel of the Lord.

**C-7 + A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John 6:51-59**

Jesus said to the crowds:

“I am the living bread that came down from
heaven;

whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my Flesh
for the life of the world.”

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,
“How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?”

Jesus said to them,

“Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and
drink his Blood,
you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood
has eternal life,
and I will raise him on the last day.

For my Flesh is true food,
and my Blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood
remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so also the one who feeds on me
will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven.

Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C-8 + A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John 11:21-27**

Martha said to Jesus,

“Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask of
God,

God will give you.”

Jesus said to her,

“Your brother will rise.”

Martha said to him,

“I know he will rise,
in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus told her,

“I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will
live,

and everyone who lives and believes in me
will never die.

Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord.

I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the
Son of God,

the one who is coming into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C-9 + A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John 12:23-26**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be
glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you,

unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and
dies,

it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life will lose it,

and whoever hates his life in this world
will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,

and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C-10 + A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John 14:1-6**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father’s house there are many dwelling
places.

If there were not,

would I have told you that I am going to
prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself,
so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him,

“Master, we do not know where you are going;
how can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and
the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer of the Faithful Option A

Opening Prayer

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our (brother/sister). Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for _____'s family, that the Lord will fill the present emptiness in their hearts with the love and prayerful support of many friends. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

For all those people who ministered to _____ during (his/her) illness, that they may be blessed in abundance with God's love for them. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

For each of us with whom _____ so generously shared (his/her) many gifts, may we, too, grow in the ability to share our gifts and lighten the burdens of others. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

For all those who loved and were loved by _____, that we may find comfort in our belief in the Lord's promise to us of eternal life. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

For each of us here present that God will bless us richly with the gifts He knows we need to fully celebrate life and recognize the new beginning which he offers us each day. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

For a moment, let us be with our own memories of _____. **We**

pray to the Lord. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Closing Prayer

Prayer of the Faithful Option B

Opening Prayer

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our (brother/sister). Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for _____ family, that the Lord will fill the present emptiness in their hearts with the love and prayerful support of many friends. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

For each of us with whom _____ so generously shared (his/her) many gifts, may we, too, grow in the ability to share our gifts and lighten the burdens of others. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

For all those who loved and were loved by _____, that we may find comfort in our belief in the Lord's promise to us of eternal life. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

For each of us here present that God will bless us richly with the gifts he knows we need to fully celebrate life and recognize the new beginning which He offers us each day. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

For a moment, let us be with our own memories of _____. **We**

pray to the Lord. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Closing Prayer

**Prayer of the Faithful
Option C**

Opening Prayer

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our (brother/sister), _____.

Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Our (brother/sister) _____ was nourished at the table of the Lord. Welcome (him/her) into the halls of the heavenly banquet. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

For the family and friends of _____, that they may seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and the doubt that comes from grief. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

For all those who loved and were loved by _____, that we may find comfort in our belief in the Lord's promise of eternal life. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

For a moment let us now be with our own memories of _____, (pause)... **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Closing Prayer

**Prayer of the Faithful
Option D**

Opening Prayer

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our (brother/sister), _____.

Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Our (brother/sister), _____ was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome (him/her) into the halls of the heavenly banquet. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

The family and friends of _____ seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. **We pray to the Lord. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Closing Prayer