

## Prayer

### *for deceased relatives and friends*

All powerful and ever living God,  
We have faith that your love is stronger than death;  
that by dying and rising you have conquered darkness  
and have won for us eternal life.

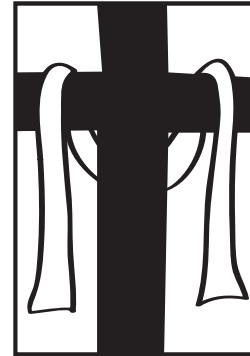
We pray now for our loved ones who have died:  
our spouses and parents, our children and  
extended family members,  
special friends, parishioners and fellow travellers in life.

We pray for those whose deaths were gentle and timely,  
and those who were taken from us suddenly and tragically.  
Those who were part of the fabric of our lives  
over many years,  
and those who were with us briefly,  
perhaps even before we could know their name.  
Those who died surrounded by community,  
and those who died unknown and alone.

Lord, you know our hearts,  
you know our unique journey of grieving and healing;  
what we miss and what we regret,  
what we have accepted and what we have yet to understand,  
what we have forgiven  
and the ways we still need to forgive and heal.  
Lord, we place ourselves and our loved ones in your hands,  
trusting that, as we turn to you,  
your love will make everything right.

Loving God,  
with the help and prayers of Our Lady of Dolours,  
we pray now as a parish for all our departed ones.  
Grant them eternal life and peace,  
as we await the day when we greet  
each other again in your kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



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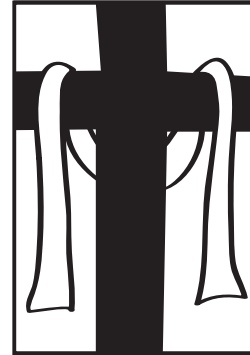
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