

Graveside Prayer

The following prayer may be used during visits to cemeteries.

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.

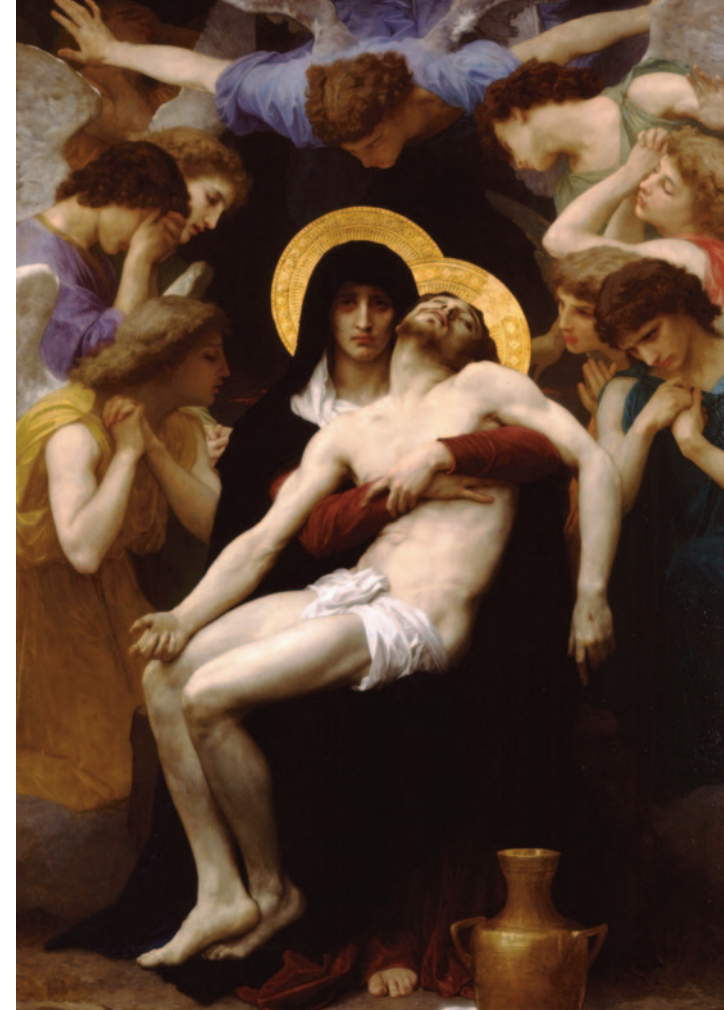
Grant that our brother/sister, N.,
may sleep here in peace
until you awaken him/her to glory,
for you are the resurrection and the life.
Then he/she will see you face to face
and in your light will see light
and know the splendor of God,
for you live and reign forever and ever.
R/. Amen.



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Knights of Columbus Memorial Rosary



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Leader: Shortly before his own Passion, our Lord Jesus wept tears with Mary and Martha upon the death of Lazarus. Amid this sorrow, he told Martha: “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live” (John 11:25). Jesus raised Lazarus from the tomb to teach us that death is not the end for those who believe, but rather a glorious beginning. Upon leaving this world, those who die in the grace of God begin their journey toward a heavenly dwelling place, prepared for them by Christ who rose from the dead (cf., John 14:2-3). The passing away of our earthly life, therefore, is a transition to a new life in which every tear will be wiped from our faces (cf., Isaiah 25:8) and sickness, pain and suffering are no more. Confident in Our Lady’s motherly love for us all, we entrust all the souls in purgatory, and particularly the souls of [list names] to her, that she may present them to her Son. For these souls, let us offer together this holy rosary.

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will

come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

*All pray the following: Our Father 1x,
Hail Mary 3x, Glory Be 1x*

Leader: The First Sorrowful Mystery is the Agony in the Garden.

*All pray the following: Our Father 1x,
Hail Mary 10x, Glory Be 1x, Fatima prayer 1x*

Leader: The Second Sorrowful Mystery is the Scourging at the Pillar.

Repeat the above prayers for the second mystery.

Leader: The Third Sorrowful Mystery is the Crowning with Thorns.

Repeat the above prayers for the third mystery.

Leader: The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery is the Carrying of the Cross.

Repeat the above prayers for the fourth mystery.

Leader: The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery is the Crucifixion of Jesus.

Repeat the above prayers for the fifth mystery.

After the final mystery, all pray:

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy! Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears! Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Leader: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

O God, whose only Begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: May the Divine assistance remain always with us...

All: ...and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.