

# USCCB\* PRAYERS AFTER DEATH



## Prayer for the Dead

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

## Prayers Immediately after Death

*May be recited immediately after death and may be repeated in the hours that follow.*

Saints of God, come to his/her aid!  
Come to meet him/her, angels of the Lord!  
*Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High.*

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;  
May angels lead you to Abraham's side.  
*Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High.*

Give him/her eternal rest, O Lord,  
and may your light shine on him/her forever.  
*Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High.*

Let us pray.  
All-powerful and merciful God,  
we commend to you N., your servant.  
In your mercy and love,  
blot out the sins he/she has committed  
through human weakness.  
In this world he/she has died:  
let him/her live with you forever.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Prayers for Mourners

- Lord God,  
you are attentive to the voice of our pleading.  
Let us find in your Son  
comfort in our sadness,  
certainty in our doubt,  
and courage to live through this hour.  
Make our faith strong  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- Lord,  
N. is gone now from this earthly dwelling,  
and has left behind those who mourn his/her absence.  
Grant that we may hold his/her memory dear,  
never bitter for what we have lost  
nor in regret for the past,  
but always in hope of the eternal kingdom  
where you will bring us together again.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- May the love of God and the peace of the  
Lord Jesus Christ bless and console us  
and gently wipe every tear from our eyes:  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**For those who mourn the death of a child:**

- O Lord, whose ways are beyond understanding,  
listen to the prayers of your faithful people:  
that those weighed down by grief  
at the loss of this little child  
may find reassurance in your infinite goodness.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.