

November Prayer Service

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
All: **Amen**

Leader: Today we take time to remember those whom we've met on life's journey and who have now passed on to eternal life. We may be remembering someone very dear to us – a mother, father, brother or sister, a grandparent, a daughter or son, a dear friend or relation.....and we may also call to mind people who walked alongside us in life's journey for only a brief time, but who touched our lives deeply.....we remember those who have died during the past year, and all our loved ones who have died....

Lighting of the Candle

Reader 1: Lord Jesus, you said, 'I am the Light of the World'.
As we light this candle,
we ask that your light will shine on all those who have died....
May they be bathed always in the light of your love and grace,
and come to eternal life with you.

All: **Amen**

Candle is now lit

Opening Prayer

Leader: Loving God, you are close to those who call on you.
Be with us,
as we mourn the loss of family and friends.
Comfort us by your promise of eternal life.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Liturgy of the Word

Reader 2: *A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans* (14:7-9)

None of us 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.

The word of the Lord

Reader 3: *Let us listen to the holy Gospel according to John (14:1-3)*

Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You trust in God, trust also in me.
In my Father's house there are many places to live in;
otherwise I would have told you.
I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you to myself,
so that you may be with me where I am.

Ritual

Prayer Leader: Let us now take a moment to remember in silence
our loved ones who have died:

Prayer Leader: We remember those who died during the winter months..in November
.....*PAUSE*...during the month of December... *PAUSE*...those who died in
January.. *PAUSE*....

...we remember those who died in Springtime....in February.....*PAUSE*..
.....in March..*PAUSE*.....in April..... *PAUSE*.....

we call to mind those who died during the summer months... May...
PAUSE.....June..... *PAUSE*..... July... *PAUSE*.....

we pray for those who died in autumn time....in August.... *PAUSE*.....in
September..... *PAUSE*.....in October..... *PAUSE*

Reflection:

Reader 1: At the rising of the sun and at its going down

All: We remember them.

Reader 1: At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter

All: We remember them.

Reader 1: At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring

All: We remember them.

Reader 1: At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer

All: We remember them.

Reader 1: At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn

All: We remember them.

Reader 1: At the beginning of the year and when it ends

All: We remember them.

Reader 1: As long as we live, they too will live;
for they are now a part of us
as we remember them.

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Prayer Leader: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
All: **And let perpetual light shine upon them.**

Prayer Leader: May the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
All: **Amen**

Prayer Leader: Conscious that we are all sisters and brothers of one another and of Jesus,
together we say: *Our Father.....*

Final Prayer:
Prayer Leader: God, we believe in your tender love for us.
Give comfort and strength to those who mourn today.
Take away any feeling of guilt
and ease the burden of regret.
Keep them in your care and help them
to renew their lives in a spirit of trust.
We ask this in faith, through Christ, Our Lord.

All: Amen