



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

Reader 2: *Let us listen to the holy Gospel according to John*

8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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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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