

## PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

66 When the moment of death seems near, some of the following prayers may be said:

- A Go forth, Christian soul, from this world  
in the name of God the almighty Father,  
who created you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,  
who suffered for you,  
in the name of the Holy Spirit,  
who was poured out upon you,  
go forth, faithful Christian.  
May you live in peace this day,  
may your home be with God in Zion,  
with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,  
with Joseph, and all the angels and saints.
- B I commend you, my dear brother/sister,  
to almighty God,  
and entrust you to your Creator.  
May you return to Him  
who formed you from the dust of the earth.  
May holy Mary, the angels and the saints  
come to meet you as you go forth from this life.  
May Christ who was crucified for you  
bring you freedom and peace.  
May Christ who died for you  
admit you into his garden of paradise.  
May Christ, the true Shepherd,  
acknowledge you as one of his flock.  
May he forgive all your sins,  
and set you among those he has chosen.  
May you see your Redeemer face to face,  
and enjoy the vision of God for ever.  
Amen.
- C Hail Holy Queen...

## PRAYERS WITH THE DYING

from *Commendation of the dying*

62 The dying person may hold a cross or another symbol of faith, and others may hold lighted candles.

### SHORT TEXTS

63 One or more of the following short texts may be recited with the dying person. If necessary, they may be softly repeated two or three times.

- Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Romans 8:35
- Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. Romans 14:8
- We have an everlasting home in heaven. 2 Corinthians 5:1
- We shall be with the Lord for ever. 1 Thessalonians 4:17
- We shall see God as he really is. 1 John 3:2
- We have passed from death to life because we love each other. 1 John 3:14
- To you, Lord, I lift up my soul. Psalm 24(25):1
- The Lord is my light and my salvation. Psalm 26(27):1
- I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Psalm 26(27):13
- My soul thirsts for the living God. Psalm 41(42):3
- Though I walk in the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me. Psalm 22(23):4
- Come, blessed of my Father,  
says the Lord Jesus,  
and take possession of the kingdom prepared for you. Matthew 25:34
- The Lord Jesus says,  
today you will be with me in paradise. Luke 23:43
- In my Father's home  
there are many dwelling places,  
says the Lord Jesus. John 14:2
- The Lord Jesus says,  
I go to prepare a place for you,  
and I will come again to take you to myself. John 14:2-3

Everyone who believes in the Son  
has eternal life.

John 6:40

Into your hands, Lord,  
I commend my spirit.

Psalms 30(31):5

Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Acts 7:59

Holy Mary, pray for me.

Saint Joseph, pray for me.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,  
assist me in my last agony.

## LITANY OF THE SAINTS

65 Particularly when the condition of the dying person calls for the use of brief forms of prayer, those who are present are encouraged to pray the litany of the saints, or at least some of its invocations. If at all possible, the dying person should be drawn into the prayer. Special mention may be made of their patron saint, or those of the family, and of the parish.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Holy Mary, Mother of God

pray for him/her

Holy angels of God

pray for him/her

Abraham, our father in faith

pray for him/her

David, leader of God's people

pray for him/her

All holy patriarchs and prophets

pray for him/her

Saint John the Baptist

pray for him/her

Saint Joseph

pray for him/her

Saint Peter and Saint Paul

pray for him/her

Saint Andrew

pray for him/her

Saint John

pray for him/her

Saint Mary Magdalene

pray for him/her

Saint Stephen

pray for him/her

Saint Ignatius

pray for him/her

Saint Lawrence

pray for him/her

Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity

pray for him/her

Saint Agnes

pray for him/her

Saint Gregory

pray for him/her

Saint Augustine

pray for him/her

Saint Athanasius

pray for him/her

Saint Basil

pray for him/her

Saint Martin

pray for him/her

Saint Benedict

pray for him/her

Saint Francis and Saint Dominic

pray for him/her

Saint Francis Xavier

pray for him/her

Saint John Vianney

pray for him/her

Saint Catherine

pray for him/her

Saint Teresa

pray for him/her

Other saints may be included here.

All holy men and women

pray for him/her

Lord, be merciful

Lord, save your people

From all evil

Lord, save your people

From every sin

Lord, save your people

From Satan's power

Lord, save your people

At the moment of death

Lord, save your people

From everlasting death

Lord, save your people

On the day of judgement

Lord, save your people

By your coming as man

Lord, save your people

By your suffering and cross

Lord, save your people

By your death and rising to new life

Lord, save your people

By your return in glory to the Father

Lord, save your people

By your gift of the Holy Spirit

Lord, save your people

By your coming again in glory

Lord, save your people

Be merciful to us sinners

Lord, hear our prayer

Bring N. to eternal life, first promised

Lord, hear our prayer

to him/her in baptism

Lord, hear our prayer

Raise N. on the last day,

Lord, hear our prayer

for he/she has eaten the bread of life

Lord, hear our prayer

Let N. share in your glory, for he/she has shared

Lord, hear our prayer

in your suffering and death

Lord, hear our prayer

Jesus, Son of the living God

Lord, hear our prayer

Christ, hear us

Christ, hear us

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer