



Gathering in the home of the deceased  
before the transfer to the Church

## SIGN OF THE CROSS

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

**Amen.**

## INVITATION TO PRAYER

Dear friends in Christ, in the name of Jesus and of His Church, we gather to pray for **N.**, that God may bring him (her) to everlasting peace and rest. We share the pain of loss, but the promise of eternal life gives us hope. Let us comfort one another with these words:

## SCRIPTURE VERSE

We read in Sacred Scripture:

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. For we know that Christ, being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

## LITANY

My brothers and sisters, Our Lord comes to raise the dead and comforts us with the solace of His love and so, let us pray to Him.

Word of God, Creator of the earth to which **N.** now returns; in Baptism you called him (her) to eternal life to praise your Father forever:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Son of God, you raise up the just and clothe them with the glory of your Kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Crucified Lord, you protect the soul of **N.** by the power of your Cross, and on the day of your coming you will show mercy to all the faithful departed:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Judge of the living and of the dead, at your voice the tombs will open and all the just who sleep in your peace will rise and sing the glory of God.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

All praise to you, Jesus our Saviour, death is in your hands and all the living depend on you alone:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

With faith and hope let us pray to the Father in the words Jesus taught us:

**Our Father...**

## THE CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord,

**N.** is gone now from this earthly dwelling and has left behind those who mourn his (her) absence.

Grant that as we grieve for **N.**

we may hold his (her) memory dear

and live in hope of the eternal kingdom

where you will bring us together again.

Lord, 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.**

## BEFORE THE CLOSING OF THE COFFIN

*(while making the Sign of the Cross on the deceased person's forehead)*

May Christ now enfold you in His love  
and bring you to eternal life.

We will pray for you,  
may you pray for us.

May God and Mary be with you always.

## CONCLUSION

The Lord guards our coming in and our going out;  
may the Lord be with us now  
as we prepare to accompany **N.**  
on his (her) journey to the church.

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

**Amen.**