

Visiting a Grave

All make the sign of the cross. The leader begins:

Praise be to God our Father, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God forever.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

One or more of the following Scripture texts may be read:

2 Corinthians 5:1

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

Romans 8:38-39

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

After a time of silence all join in prayers of intercession or in one of the litanies.

All then join hands for the Lord's Prayer. Then the leader continues:

Lord God,
whose days are without end
and whose mercies beyond counting,
keep us mindful
that life is short and the hour of death unknown.
Let your Spirit guide our days on earth
in the ways of holiness and justice,
that we may serve you
in union with the whole Church,
sure in faith, strong in hope, perfected in love.
And when our earthly journey is ended,
lead us rejoicing into your Kingdom,
where you live forever and ever.

R/. Amen

V/. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
R/. and let perpetual light shine upon them.

V/. May they rest in peace.

R/. Amen.

V/. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R/. Amen.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader concludes:

May the peace of God,
which is beyond all understanding,
keep our hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

R/. Amen.