

RITE OF COMMITTAL AT A CREMATORIUM

INVITATION

When family members have gathered, the prayer leader begins:

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

Our brother / sister has gone to his / her rest in the peace of Christ.
May the Lord now welcome him / her to the table of God's children in
heaven. With faith and hope in eternal life, let us assist him / her with our
prayers.

Let us pray to the Lord also for ourselves. May we who mourn be reunited
one day with our brother / sister; together may we meet Christ Jesus
when he who is our life appears in glory.

SCRIPTURE VERSE

Leader: This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.

PRAYER BEFORE COMMITTAL

Leader: Blessed is the Lord, our God.
All praise to you, Lord of all creation.
We remember the mighty deeds of the covenant.

You sanctify the homes of the living
and make holy the places of the dead.
You alone open the gates of righteousness
and lead us to the dwellings of the saints.

We bless you, our God and Redeemer.
We praise you, our refuge and strength.

Or When the final disposition of the body is to take place at a later time:

Leader: Almighty and ever-living God,
in you we place our trust and hope,
in you the dead, whose bodies were temples
of the Spirit, find everlasting peace.
As we take leave of our brother / sister,
give our hearts peace in the firm hope
that, one day, N. will live in the mansion
you have prepared for him / her in heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMITTAL

The prayer leader may now make the Sign of the Cross over the Coffin

The committal takes place at this time. The prayer leader says the words of committal:

Leader: In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ,
we commend to Almighty God our brother / sister N.,
and we commit his / her body to be cremated:
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless him / her and keep him / her,
the Lord make his face to shine upon him / her
and be gracious to him / her,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon him / her
and give him / her peace.

INTERCESSIONS

In trust, let us turn in prayer to God, the source of our hope.

Comfort us in our sorrow at the death of N.
and comfort all who mourn at this time.

R. Lord, have mercy.

May we know the prayerful and loving support
of the Christian community
as we look forward to the day
when we can join together in prayer once more.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Be with all those bringing healing to the sick
and all those working in health and governance
to overcome the present pandemic.

Bless them and grant them the wisdom we need.

R. Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray as Jesus has taught us

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: Loving God,
from whom all life proceeds
and by whose hand the dead are raised again,
though we are sinners, you wish always to hear us.
Accept the prayers we offer in sadness for your servant N.:
deliver his / her soul from death,
number him / her among your saints
and clothe him / her with the robe of salvation
to enjoy for ever the delights of your kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Leader: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

All pray silently

Merciful Lord,
you know the anguish of the sorrowful,
you are attentive to the prayers of the humble.
Hear your people who cry out to you in their need,
and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness;
Through Christ our Lord.

Where desired a decade of the Rosary may follow.

Leader: May the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God,
who stood by the cross as her son was dying,
help those who mourn for N.
and accompany all of us in our time of need.

BLESSING

The prayer leader invokes God's blessing and signs himself or herself with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ
bless and console us
and gently wipe every tear from our eyes;
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto him / her, O Lord.
R. And let perpetual light shine upon him / her.

Leader: May he / she rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Leader: May his / her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

R. Amen.