

Prayers that may be said by family or carer at the end of life

One of the following sentences from scripture can be read:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

Psalm 27.1

OR

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3.22,23

OR

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord

Romans 8: 38-39

The following can be read

Simeon's Song

Now Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the Salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Where possible all those in the room join in the Lords prayer using the version most familiar to the person who is approaching the end of their life

**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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

OR

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Either or both the following prayers may be said.

Loving God, giver of life,
All that we are and hold
Have been on trust from you.
What you have given to us
we return to you.
When you bring us to judgement,
bless all that has been good,
put right and forgive all that is wrong.
Receive *N* into your eternal presence
Where you are the light and joy of all your saints.

Make death the gateway to life,
and raise us to fullness of salvation.
Give grace to let go of those things
to which we must no longer cling;
and teach us in releasing each other
to know ourselves held by you;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord . **Amen**

Go forth *N* on your journey from this world,
in the love of God the father who created you,
in the mercy of Jesus the Redeemer who suffered for you,
in the power of the Holy Spirit who keeps you in life eternal.
May you dwell this day in peace,
and rest in the presence of God. **Amen**

Time of quiet reflection and prayer

End with the grace said together with everyone in the room if possible
**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, now and evermore. Amen.**