



THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Remembrance, Comfort and Hope since 1856

Prayers for a Child Who Has Died

PRAYER 1

God of love and life,
you gave *N* to us as our *son/daughter*.
Give us now the assurance
that though *he/she* has passed from our sight,
he/she has not passed from your care.
Draw near to us in our sadness,
bring blessing out of grief,
and help us in our tears and pain
to know you standing alongside us
and to experience your love and healing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER 2

God of unfailing compassion,
in your creative love and tenderness you gave us *[NAME]*
so full of hope for the future.
You are the source of all our lives,
the strength of all our days.
You did not make us for darkness and death
but to see you face to face
and to enjoy abundant life.
Help us to comfort one another
with the consolation we ourselves receive from you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER 3

God of all grace and comfort,
we thank you for *[NAME]*
and for the place *he/she* held in all our hearts.
We thank you
for the love in which *he/she* was conceived
and for the care with which *he/she* was surrounded.
As we remember times of tears and laughter,
we thank you for the love we shared because of *him/her*,
reflecting that love which you poured upon us
in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER 4

Almighty God, creator and keeper of life,
we acknowledge that our child *[NAME]* is your child,
loved since before the foundation of the world.
Grant us such trust
in the finished work of your Son our Savior
that we shall look with hope
towards a full knowledge of *[NAME]*,
whose earthly life we have so little shared
but who is now complete with Christ in you.
Amen.

PRAYER 5

Lord of all, we thank you
for your work in creation,
for nourishing life in the womb,
for your love even in death.
Thank you for the life of this child *[NAME]*,
whom you gave to us and have taken to yourself.
Thank you for the arms of your love,
embracing both us and *[NAME]* in your family.
Thank you for your presence in our sorrow
and your strength as our family grows older.
Take our sadness, and fill us with your Spirit
to serve you on earth
and join your saints in glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

Bubble Ceremony

Bring bubbles to the cemetery and have the entire family do the following.

Bubbles are magical. They make us smile. They make us giggle.
They remind us of simple joys and simple times.
Bubbles are brief. They are here for just a moment, sparkling,
bouncing, shimmering.
Then, having completed their task, they are gone.
Left behind is the memory of the joy and the experience.
So, as we watch these bubbles dancing in the air, let us be thankful
for *[NAME]*'s time on earth.
It was not long enough for anyone here, but *[NAME]* completed
his/her task, brought joy, light and energy into the world.
Now his/her task is completed.
While it makes us sad to not have him/her in your world,
you can remember this sparkling life that bounced through your
lives and left memories that will stay with you forever.