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.

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.