

## WE COME TO THIS SACRED PLACE

ARCHBISHOP JOHN IRELAND

*Adapted from a sermon*

We come to this sacred place,  
the earthly home of our departed loved ones,  
where they rest in peaceful slumber;  
awaiting the day of resurrection.

We come to this sacred place to be close to God  
and to remember the love He has for us.

We come to this sacred place to think of God and eternity;  
to pay a tribute of love and reverence to those we mourn,  
and to pray for the eternal repose of their souls.

We come to this sacred place in prayer;  
asking for the intercession of those who are  
before the throne of grace.

We come to this sacred place  
and are reminded that God is vividly present,  
for always and forever.

We come to this sacred place  
as so many have come before us  
and will continue after us,  
as a member of God's family.

