

REMEMBRANCE FOR THE DEAD AND THE BEREAVED

We pray that those who have died have passed from death to life in the company of the Risen Christ, whose love has overcome all things. We pray also for those who mourn, whose grieving has been all the more difficult on account of pandemic restrictions. In the rawness of grief, in our darkest moments, may Christ bring us light and hope.

A reflection based on Colossians 1: 17b-20

St Paul wrote with great conviction:

“In Christ Jesus all things hold together.”

So when I feel as though things are falling apart
because of the rawness of grief

or I feel guilty because I didn't remember them today.

Or I wonder: what will happen to all these precious memories
when I forget? I can trust that in Jesus all things hold together.

And I can trust that the love of God,

which has overcome all things, will hold us together again.

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We commend those who have died to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy Christ, have mercy Lord, have mercy

Holy Mary, Mother of God	<i>Welcome them</i>
Saint Michael	<i>Welcome them</i>
Saint John the Baptist	<i>Welcome them</i>
Saint Joseph	<i>Welcome them</i>
Saint Peter	<i>Welcome them</i>
Saint Paul	<i>Welcome them</i>
Saint Patrick	<i>Welcome them</i>
Saint Brigid	<i>Welcome them</i>
Saint Columcille	<i>Welcome them</i>
St Laurence O'Toole	<i>Welcome them</i>
All holy men and women saints	<i>Welcome them</i>

Christ Jesus, pardon all their faults
Christ Jesus, remember the good they have done
Christ Jesus, comfort those who mourn

Lord, hear our prayer
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Christ hear us.
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer

Christ graciously hear us.
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer

We thank you, compassionate God for walking with us in all the dark moments of our grief and loneliness. Even when we find it hard to see you, we know and trust that you walk beside us, and in the Resurrection of Christ, Your Son, you give us a reason for living; a reason for hoping. Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us direction and courage in this difficult time. May we live our lives treasuring the memories of those precious ones we have known and loved. We trust, Lord that you are treasuring them with us. Help us, Lord, to bring light and hope to others. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be to the Father...

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace, *Amen*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen***