

FUNERAL ROSARY PRAYERS

1. Sign of the Cross:

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In times of sickness and death, prayers are the best means of consolation, comfort and help that people can give. Let us now begin this Rosary by calling on our Blessed Mother Mary to pray for us now as we pray for _____.

God of heaven, You called _____ from this life. God of Mercy, fulfill his/her faith and hope in You. Lead _____ safely home to heaven to be with You forever, filled with joy and peace in Your presence. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2. Apostles' Creed:

Leader: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

3. The Lord's Prayer:

Leader: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. **All:** 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. Amen.

4. Hail Mary: (Repeat 3 times)

Leader: Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. **All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

5. Glory Be:

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. **All:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

6. First Decade:

A person's life is patterned on the life of Jesus. Jesus was conceived, born, grew in grace, wisdom and age. As an adult, He worked at a trade, carried on His ministry with difficulty. He suffered, died and was buried. In the First Decade of the Rosary, let us reflect on the mystery of suffering. Jesus suffered a bitter agony and the cruel scourging to lead us on the way to the Father. Let our prayer intention be that _____, having accepted the suffering of life, may be at peace with the Lord.

7. The Lord's Prayer: Our Father...

8. Hail Mary: (Repeat 10 times)

9. Glory Be

10. Fatima and the Eternal Rest Prayers:

Leader: O my Jesus, **All:** forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto _____, O Lord

All: And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

Leader: May he/she rest in peace.

All: Amen.



11. Second Decade:

In the Second Decade, we will consider how Jesus willingly bore our sins when He was crowned with thorns, carried His cross to Calvary and was then crucified on the cross in a supreme act of love. Let our intention be that _____ having carried his/her cross, may now share the glory of a true disciple.

12. The Lord's Prayer: Our Father...

13. Hail Mary: (Repeat 10 times)

14. Glory Be

15. Fatima & Eternal Rest Prayers

16. Third Decade:

In the Third Decade, we will reflect on the Glorious Mystery of Jesus rising from the dead. Jesus said: "I am the Resurrection and the life, whoever believes in Me, though he should die, will come to life." This is the glory of Easter and of our faith; that we too will be raised to glory. Let our intention be that _____, having believed in the Lord is now with Him in glory.

17. The Lord's Prayer: Our Father...

18. Hail Mary (Repeat 10 times)

19. Glory Be

20. Fatima and Eternal Rest Prayers

21. Fourth Decade:

In the Fourth Decade, we contemplate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven and His sending us the Holy Spirit. Before Jesus returned to the Father, He promised the Apostles and all disciples present and future, that He was returning to the Father to prepare a place for them, that He would send His Spirit to guide them and that He would be with them until the end of time. Let our intention be that _____'s family and all others who mourn loved ones, be assured that they have reached the place that Jesus prepared for them.

22. The Lord's Prayer: Our Father...

23. Hail Mary: (Repeat 10 times)

24. Glory Be

25. Fatima & Eternal Rest Prayers

26. Fifth Decade:

In the Fifth Decade, we reflect on the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our Christian life by considering the meaning of her Assumption into Heaven and her

Coronation as Queen of Heaven. Mary is honored by God and all humankind. She was the most perfect disciple and the model of all the saints. Because of her perfect faith and obedience, her standing at the foot of the cross of Jesus; all Catholics believe she was assumed into Heaven, and was honored not only by God, but by all the angels and saints as well. We don't know exactly what her reward was but in our finite way, we say she was crowned with Glory and honor. Her crown of sparkling jewels is a symbol of her reward. Let our intention be that _____ also receives the reward of his/her faith.

27. The Lord's Prayer: Our Father...

28. Hail Mary: (Repeat 10 times)

29. Glory Be

30. Fatima & Eternal Rest Prayers

Concluding Prayers

Leader: *Hail Holy Queen,*

All: Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: *O God,*

All: Whose only begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating upon these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto _____, O Lord

All: And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.

Leader: May he/she rest in peace.

All: Amen.

Leader: May his/her soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

All: Amen.

Sign of the Cross:

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

