



Holy Trinity Parish Columbarium

Suggested help for prayers and services for use at the
interment of your loved ones cremated remains

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Introduction

This document is provided as a guide only to the help you say your final good byes to your loved one as their cremated remains are placed in the columbarium.

They are only suggestions and you of course are free to create your own words or service.

Apart from the words contained in this booklet, you may also like to refer to the following for guidance:

Rite for the Burial of Ashes

<https://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/OCF/12-Ashes-A5.pdf>

Guidelines for the Funeral Liturgy with Cremated Remains present

<https://diocesefwsb.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Guidelines-for-the-Funeral-Liturgy-with-Cremated-Remains-Present.pdf>

Interment services:

1. Traditional service

As a family, we have come together to inter **name's** ashes/cremated remains **location/with someone**.

In doing this we recall that our bodies bear the imprint of the first creation when they were fashioned from dust; but in faith we remember, too, that by the new creation we also bear the image of Jesus who was raised to glory.

In confident hope that one day God will raise us and transform our mortal bodies.

Scripture (Romans 6: 8-9)

We believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him/her: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore.

Opportunity to speak:

Would anyone like to say a few words before we commit name's ashes to the earth?

Prayer of Committal

Let us pray.
Faithful God,
Lord of all creation,
you desire that nothing redeemed by your **son/daughter**
will ever be lost,
and that the just will be raised up on the last day.
Comfort us today with the word of your promise
as we return the ashes of our **relationship/ name** to the earth.
Grant **name** a place of rest and peace
where the world of dust and ashes has no dominion.
Confirm us in our hope that he will be created anew
on the day when you will raise him up in glory
to live with you and all the saints
for ever and ever. R. Amen.

Place the ashes in the grave.

Please take some Rosemary sprigs and place them on top of the cremated remains/ ashes.

May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ
bless and console us
and gently wipe every tear from our eyes:
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.

2. More modern Service

Opening Prayers

Prayer

You are invited to join in this opening prayer if you would like to...

Gracious Spirit, creator of life, carrier of hope, make your presence known among us.

Enable us to be brave in our remembering, honest in our sorrow, and open in our love and compassion for each other.

Help us to seek not so much answers to our questions, but, rather, the patience to mourn and grieve.

Enable us to remember with joy the lives we have loved. Send us your peace. Amen

Prayer

We are in the presence of God

In our need for sorrow.

We are in the presence of God

In thankfulness for the life, we knew and shared.

We are in the presence of God

Seeking hope and courage for the future.

We are in the presence of God

Who has promised to be with us always, till the end of time.

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Amen.

Simple prayers

1. Father of all, we pray to you for **NAME** , and for all those whom we love but see no longer.

Grant to them eternal rest.

Let perpetual light shine upon them.

May **his/her** soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen

2. God our Father,

Your power brings us to birth,

Your providence guides our lives,

And by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,

Their lives change but do not end.

I /We pray in hope for my/our family,

Relatives and friends,

And for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ,

Who died and now lives,

May they rejoice in Your kingdom,

Where all tears are wiped away.

Unite us together in one family,

To sing Your praise forever and ever.

Amen.

3. Eternal rest grant to **her/him**, O Lord,

And let perpetual light shine upon her/him.

May **she/he** rest in peace.

Love always, the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world,

We pray for your servant **Name**,

And commend her/him to your mercy.

For her/his sake you came down from heaven;

Receive her/him now into the joy of your kingdom.

Amen

4. A blessing

May God give to you and all whom you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next;

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy spirit, be upon you, and remain with you this day and forever, Amen

5. Committal of Cremated remains/Ashes

As we place his/her ashes in this place, we commit **his/her** body to you and pray that **he/she** finds eternal rest for the glory of your holy name.

Lord forgive us where we have strayed.

Fill us with thanksgiving for **his/her** well-lived and full life.

In Jesus name, we believe and pray, Amen.