

A Form for use at the Burial of Ashes after Cremation

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

The eternal God is your refuge,
and underneath are the everlasting arms. *Deuteronomy 33: 27*

Trust in the Lord at all times,
pour out your hearts before him: God is a refuge for us. *Psalm 62: 8*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who
believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3: 16*

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor
things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor
anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8: 38,39*

PRAYER

God, Lord of life and conqueror of death,
our help in every time of trouble:

We thank you for the assurance of the Gospel
that in your keeping the souls of the faithful find lasting peace and joy,
and that, though we see our loved ones no more, they are safe with you.
Comfort all who mourn.

May memories of be a consolation for the present
and a strength for the future.

By the glorious resurrection of your Son
confirm in us the hope of eternal life,
and enable us to put our whole trust in your goodness and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A SCRIPTURE READING

THE INTERMENT

The Lord says: 'Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, and I am the
Living One. I was dead, and I am alive for ever and ever.' *Revelation 1: 17-18*

We have entrusted our *brother/sister* to God's gracious keeping.
We now commit *his/her* ashes to the ground
in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who died, and was buried, and rose again for us,
and who shall change our mortal body
that it may be like his glorious body,
according to the mighty working
by which he is able to subdue all things to himself.
Thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER

Eternal God,
by your Son's rising from the dead,
you have destroyed the power of death.
In you the dead find life for ever,
and the faithful who served you on earth
praise you for all eternity in heaven.
Comfort us in the hope of everlasting life
and support us with your sure love and your guiding hand.
Bring us at the last, with all the faithful,
to the full knowledge of your love
and the unclouded vision of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray
Our Father in heaven,

Or As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say
Our Father, who art in heaven

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13: 14*