

FUNERAL READINGS

First Reading

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: Knowing that the One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. The word of the Lord.



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Prayer of the Faithful

Opening Prayer

We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our (brother/sister) Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming. We pray to the Lord.

ALL: LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for ______''s family, that the Lord will fill the present emptiness in their hearts with the love and prayerful support of many friends. We pray to the Lord.

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For all those people who ministered to ______during (his/her) illness, that they may be blessed in abundance with God's love for them. We pray to the Lord.

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For each of us with whom ______ so generously shared (his/her many gifts, may we, too, grow in the ability to share our gifts and lighten the burdens of others. We pray to the Lord.

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For all those who loved and were loved by ______, that we may find comfort in our belief in the Lord's promise to us of eternal life. We pray to the Lord.

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For each of us here present that God will bless us richly with the gifts He knows we need to fully celebrate life and recognize the new beginning which he offers us each day. We pray to the Lord.

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For a moment, let us be with our own memories of _____. We pray to the Lord.

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