

All Souls' Day Remembrance Service for Families and Students



OPENING PRAYER

ALL: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LEADER: Lord, we thank you for gathering us here today on this feast of All Souls' Day. We ask you to be with us as we remember all of those who have died, especially those in our own families. Amen.

READING

READER 1: Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where (I) am going you know the way." (John 14:1) The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ. Optional:

Lay leader, teacher or a priest may make remarks at this time.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

READER 2: For all of us gathered here, that we may live our lives close to God and meet him in Heaven. For this we pray,

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER 3: For the deceased, especially those members of our family and parish community, that they may enjoy paradise in Heaven with Jesus. For this we pray,

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER 4: For those grieving the loss of a family member, that they may feel God's love and comfort at this difficult time. For this we pray,

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

READER 5: For those who care for the dying, especially nurses, doctors, family members, and hospice workers, that God may work through them to touch others. For this we pray,

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

PICTURES AND CANDLES

During this time, it would be appropriate to either have a picture of your deceased loved one, or some sort of symbol to remember them by. A candle would also be appropriate at this time. To close the service, either use pictures to speak of a memory of your deceased loved one as family (or, if you are in the classroom, use this as a class exercise). Use this time to be creative as a family or classroom unit.

