

A Family Prayer Service for the month of November

Remember In November

At Home

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

Reader 1

Today we take time to remember all those dear to us who are no longer with us. We also call to mind people who walked alongside us in life's journey for only a brief time, but who touched our lives deeply. We remember those who have died during the past year, and all who have died during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Lighting of the Remembrance Candle

Reader 2: Lord Jesus, you said, 'I am the Light of the World'. As we light this candle, we ask that your light will shine on all our loves ones who have died May they be bathed always in the light of your love and grace, and come to eternal life with you.

All: Amen

Prayer

Reader 3: Loving God, you are close to those who call on you. Be with us, as we mourn the loss of family and friends. Comfort us by your promise of eternal life. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Reader 4: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans (14:7-9)

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God

Reader 1: Let us now take a moment to remember by name our loved ones who have died.

Invite those present to say the names of family members and loved ones who have died and who are being remembered. As the names are being said, one family member writes them down on a family list of remembrance which will be prayed for during the month of November.

Moment of Silence

Reflection: Cardinal Newman's Prayer (All recite this)

May the Lord support us all the day long,
Till the shades lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging,
and holy rest, and peace at the last.
Amen.

Final Prayer

All: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen