

# Interment or scattering of ashes

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## Scripture sentences

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
and into an inheritance that is imperishable,  
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

1 Peter 1:3-4

## Prayer

Eternal God,  
Creator of life and conqueror of death,  
we are in your presence now  
and this is a holy place.  
Jesus Christ, who lived among us and died for us,  
you stand beside us in every sorrow.  
Holy Spirit, you are always with us,  
to comfort us and to give us strength.  
We come to you now,  
that we may know your presence with us in this place,  
and on this day.

We thank you for your promise  
that in your safe keeping  
the saints find peace for ever.  
Though they are no longer with us here,  
they are with you,  
sheltered by your eternal love.

We praise you for the gifts of life,  
for love and tenderness,  
wisdom and affection  
and all that makes life good and holy.  
We praise you for ... N ...  
whom we have loved  
and who will be remembered among us.

We praise you for the gift of new life,  
for the promise of resurrection  
and your assurance that the future is in your hands.

Be with us now  
as we honour one whom we loved.  
Confirm in us the hope of the Gospel.  
and help us to put our trust  
in your mercy and love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

## Scripture reading

## Silence for reflection

## Interment or scattering

We have commended ... N ... to God's eternal love,  
and committed *their* body to be cremated.

We now inter *their* ashes in this ground  
(scatter *their* ashes in this place),  
in sure and certain hope  
of the resurrection to eternal life  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

In the earth, we give *them* a final place to rest.

In our memories, we will not forget *them*.

In the eternal love and mercy of God, *they* will be at peace.

## Prayer

Eternal God,  
who unites as one  
the people on earth  
and the company of heaven,  
may we know and rejoice  
that we are within your community of saints,  
both the living and the dead.

May we praise you with our lives  
as the angels praise you in heaven.  
Cheer us with the hope of your eternal life,  
support us with the knowledge of your love  
and bring us at the last to see you in glory,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## Blessing

The peace of God  
which is beyond all understanding,  
guard your hearts and your thoughts in Jesus Christ.  
And the blessing of God,  
Creator, Christ and Comforter, (*Father, Son and Holy Spirit*)  
be with you, now and always.

*All* **Amen.**