

## **Bible Service for a Deceased Member**

### **From SVD Collection of Prayers: VADEMECUM**

*(Prayers from this Bible service may be said as anniversary prayers in the cemetery)*

C/L. In the name of the Father....

C/L. Our brother in Christ *N.* has fallen asleep in the Lord. Let us intercede for him.

Our response is:

*R/ Grant him peace and eternal rest, O Lord.*

L. You gave him the promise of eternal life in baptism; grant him now communion with your saints forever. R/

L. He lived a Christian commitment in faith, hope and love, devoted to you until the end. R/

L. You fed him with the Bread of life and declared that you would raise up on the last day, all those who partook of this divine Food. R/

L. You let him share your salvific sufferings on earth; let him now share your glory. R/

*Psalm 23 is fittingly sung or recited now, depicting the Lord as loving Shepherd.*

***Reader: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel: Ez 37:12-14.***

*Other selections: 1 Co 15:19-28 Rev 7:13-17*

L. Our Response:

*R/ We adore your cross, O Lord, we praise and glorify your holy resurrection.*

L. For behold, by reason of the wood of the cross, joy has come into the world. R/

L. By a tree we were made slaves, and by the holy cross we were set free. R/

L. May God have pity on us and bless us, may he let his face shine on us, and lead us to life everlasting. R/

L. Let us praise the Lord with all the faithful departed.

A. Blest are the poor in spirit; the reign of God is theirs.

L. Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; they shall have their fill.

A. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

L. Blest are the single-hearted for they shall see God.

A. Blest are those, who are persecuted for holiness' sake; the reign of God is theirs.

L. Alleluia! Alleluia!

A. The Lord is King, our God the Almighty. He reigns forever. Alleluia.

***Reading of the Good News of Salvation in Christ the Lord: Jn 3:13-21***

*Other selections: Jn 5:24-29; Jn 6:35-40; Jn 16:20-28*

*(A brief homily/pause/testimony)*

***Responses***

L. Lord Jesus, you are the resurrection and the life. We know that if the earthly house in which we dwell be destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made by human hands, eternal in the heavens.

A Lord Jesus, you are the resurrection and the life.

L. Anyone who is in Christ, is a new creature; the former things have passed away; behold they are made new.

A. Lord, you are the resurrection and the life.

L. Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the hearts of people what things God has prepared for those who love him.

A. Lord, you are the resurrection and the life.

L. Lord Jesus Christ, You have said, 'In my Father's house there are many mansions; were it not so, I should have told you, because I go to prepare a place for you.'

A. Lord, you are the resurrection and the life.

L. You said, 'This is the will of my Father who sent me, that all those who behold the Son and believe in him, shall have everlasting life, and I will raise them up on the last day.'

A. Lord, you are the resurrection and the life.

L. Christ our Passover is the true Lamb who by his Paschal Mystery has taken away the sins of the world, overcome death for us by dying himself, and restored us to life by his own resurrection.

A. Lord, you are the resurrection and the life.

L. Let us pray. Merciful God, you overcame death through your Son Jesus Christ, and opened to us the gates of everlasting life. Hear us, as we petition you in favor of your servant *N.* whom you have called to yourself, so that your promises of peace and glory may be fulfilled in his behalf. Through the Holy Spirit, the source of all our consolation, lighten the burden of grief weighing upon those who survive him, and give to all of us a blessed end, through our Lord Jesus, living and reigning with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

A. Amen.

L. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord,

A. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

L. May he rest in peace.

A. Amen.