

# Ministry with the Dying

## 1 Greeting

Grace and peace ... the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**  
*or*

Peace be to this place and to all who dwell here. **Amen.**

## 2 Collect

*At the end:* **Amen.**

## 3 Psalm and verses from Scripture

## 4 Prayers

*Either of the following litanies may be used.*

Let us offer our prayers for *N.*, saying, '**We commend *N.* to you.**'

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth:

**We commend *N.* to you** (*repeated after each petition*)

*or*

God the Father: **have mercy upon us** (*repeated after each petition*) ...

Graciously hear us, Lord Jesus Christ, that it may please you  
to deliver your servant *N* from all evil and from eternal death:  
**hear us, good Lord** (*repeated after each petition*) ...

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **have mercy upon us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **have mercy upon us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **grant us peace.**

*At the end of either Litany, the following prayer may be used.*

In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy,  
help us, O God, to trust your love, to seek your purpose,  
and to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Other Prayers may be used.*

**Prayers by the dying person†**

## 5 Reading(s)

## 6 Laying on of Hands and Anointing

*If Holy Communion does not follow, the Lord's Prayer is said after the anointing.*

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## 7 Holy Communion†

*See separate card. The order begins at the Lord's Prayer.*

## 8 Commendation at the Time of Death

Let us commend our *brother/sister* ....  
*At the end of the prayer, all say* **Amen.**

*After death has occurred, another prayer may be said: all say* **Amen.**

Grant *her/him* eternal rest, O Lord.  
**And let perpetual light shine upon *her/him*.**  
May *N.* rest in peace.  
**And rise in glory. Amen.**

*and/or Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2. 29–32) may be used.*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;  
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people.  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy  
people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without  
end. **Amen.**

## 9 Additional Prayers