

Services for a Funeral – Two

A service of committal

When the committal precedes the service of thanksgiving and release.

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The Minister greets the mourners at the cemetery or crematorium and leads them into the chapel or to the graveside.

Scripture sentence

Let us gather up our prayers in the words which Jesus taught us:

All **Our Father ...**

Words of committal

Now that the earthly life of ... N ... has come to an end,
we commit *their* mortal body to
(*earth to earth*), ashes to ashes, dust to dust,

A service of Thanksgiving and release

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If the service precedes the committal the Minister meets the coffin and the mourners at the entrance to the church or chapel. The following sentences may

Approaching the mystery

Words of introduction

We have come together because ... N ... has died
and the life we shared with *them* has come to an end.
This is a time of parting, loss and sadness.

All of us who knew ... N ... had a unique relationship with *them*.
Death does not bring to an end *their* influence
nor the love and respect
in which *they* were held during *their* life.
They will continue to be powerful
for as long as *they* are remembered.

Remembering with Thanksgiving

Lighting of Thanksgiving candles

The Minister or another representative person may light a central thanksgiving candle, saying:

‘I light this candle in thanksgiving for ... N ... as ... ‘

Members of the family, church members, representatives of the community, work colleagues or friends may also light candles.

At the end the Minister may say:

Thanks be to God for the light which ... N ... has brought into our lives.

Tribute

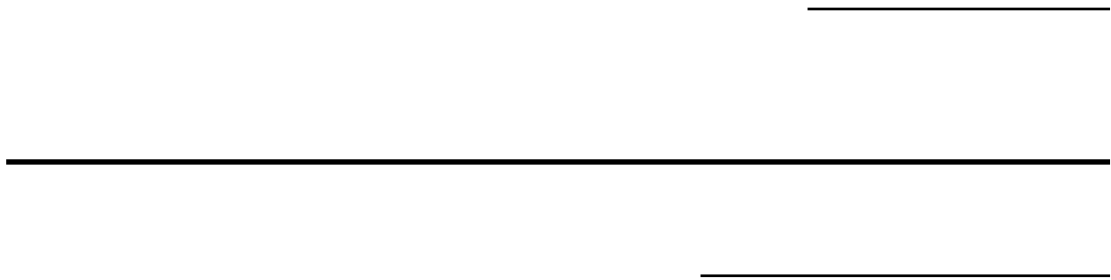
A tribute may be given.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Eternal God,
we thank you for the light
that has come into the world
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
and for his promise that whoever follows him
will have the light of life.
Hear us as we remember and give thanks for ... N ...
and for everything *they* meant to us.

Silent prayer

Thank you for giving *them* to us,
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God of peace,
you brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,



Committal

When the committal follows the service of thanksgiving and release.

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Committal

When all have gathered at the graveside or crematorium the Minister says:

Scripture sentences

The Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

We are not our own.
Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit
and through them we glorify God.

1 Corinthians 6:19, 20

Words of committal

... N ... 's body has been a temple of God's Spirit,
through which *they* have served God
and given support and comfort to those whom they loved.
We now commit *their* mortal body
to
trusting that by the power of God
this perishable body will be clothed with the imperishable,

Prayers

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding;
pour into our hearts such love towards you,
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

or

O Lord, support us by your grace
through all the hours of life's day;
until the shadows lengthen,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over,
and the evening comes.
Then, Lord, in your mercy,
grant us safe lodging, a holy rest,
and peace at the last;
through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Ascription of glory

Now to the One who is able to keep us from falling,
and set us in the presence of his glory,
jubilant and above reproach,
to the only God our Saviour,
be glory and majesty,
power and authority,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
before all time, now, and for evermore.

Jude: 24-25 (adapted)

