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Bible readings for funerals



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If your loved one was a member of the Christian faith and it was their wish to have a religious funeral, Bible readings can form an important part of the service. Verses from the Bible can help acknowledge the loss of someone and bring comfort for Christians mourning the death of a friend or relative.

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Christian funerals

This guide will explain what typically happens at traditional Christian funerals; including Church of England funeral services and Catholic funerals.

CHRISTIAN FUNERALS _____



ROMANS 8:35, 37- 39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,
nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ISAIAH 57:1-2

The righteous perish, and no one takes it to
heart; the devout are taken away, and no one
understands that the righteous are taken
away to be spared from evil.

Those who walk uprightly enter into peace;
they find rest as they lie in death.

PSALM 23

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house
of the Lord forever.

JOHN 14:1-3

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe
in God; believe also in me.

My Father's house has many rooms; if that were
not so, would I have told you that I am going
there to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will
come back and take you to be with me that
you also may be where I am.





ECCLESIASTES 3:1-4

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance...

PHILIPPIANS 1:21-23

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.

I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:14-17

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

JOB 19:23-27

Oh, that my words were written!
Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!
That they were engraved on a rock
With an iron pen and lead, forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
And He shall stand at last on the earth;
And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,
That in my flesh I shall see God,
Whom I shall see for myself,
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!





REVELATION 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

MATTHEW 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

