**The Committal Service**

**Sentences**

*The minister precedes the body or ashes to the appointed place. When all have arrived, one or more of the following sentences may be said.*

**Let us hear the promises of God:**

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,**

**God's mercies never come to an end;**

**they are new every morning,**

**great is God's faithfulness.**   *Lam. 3:22-23*.

**Thus said the Lord God,**

**the Holy One of Israel, . . .**

**"In quietness and in trust**

**shall be your strength."** *Isa. 30:15.*

**God is our refuge and our strength,**

**a very present help in trouble.**   *Ps. 46:1*.

**If we live, we live to the Lord,**

**and if we die, we die to the Lord;**

**so then, whether we live or whether we die,**

**we are the Lord's.** *Rom. 14:8*.

**Jesus said:**

**I am the resurrection and the life.**

**Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,**

**and everyone who lives and believes in me**

**will never die.** *John 11:25-26*.

**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.** *Rom. 8:38-39*.

**Christ is risen from the dead,**

**trampling down death by death,**

**and giving life to those in the grave.** *Orthodox.*

**The Committal**

*At a burial while earth is cast on the coffin or at a cremation when the coffin has been removed from sight, the minister says:*

**In sure and certain hope of the resurrection**

**to eternal life,**

**through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**we have released \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**to the mercies of almighty God,**

**and we commit their body**

**to the ground (*or* to the elements);**

**earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.**

**Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.**

**They may rest from their labours,**

**for their deeds follow them.** *Rev. 14:13*.

**Prayer**

*One or more of the following prayers may be said, concluding with a benediction.*

**Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:**

**Our Father in Heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil,**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and forever. Amen**

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory**

**for ever. Amen**

**O Lord,**

**support us all the day long of this troubled life**

**until the shadows lengthen,**

**the evening comes,**

**the busy world is hushed,**

**the fever of life is over,**

**and our work is done.**

**Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us safe lodging,**

**a holy rest,**

**and peace at the last;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OR**

**Almighty God,**

**by the death of your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**you have conquered death;**

**by raising him from the grave, you have restored us to life.**

**As we confront again the mysteries of life and death**

**we place our trust in you.**

**By the power of your loving Spirit,**

**unite us to all your faithful people**

**who live for you on this earth**

**and who praise you in the heavenly places**

**until we are at one with Jesus Christ,**

**who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Benediction**

*The minister dismisses the people with one of the following blessings:*

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit**

**be with all of you. Amen.**  *II Cor. 13:13.*

**The Lord bless you and keep you.**

**The Lord be kind and gracious to you.**

**The Lord look upon you with favour**

**and give you peace. Amen.**  *Num. 6:24-26, TEV.*