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## School assemblies at times of bereavement

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### Words and Prayers

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.

Eternal rest grant unto Name O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May s/he rest in peace. Amen

Heavenly Father we are stunned and shocked at the death of Name and as a community we have gathered together to share our sorrow, our bewilderment and our pain. We are all asking the question 'Why?' but there seems to be no easy answer.

We pray especially today for her/his friends, her/his classmates, her/his teachers and all who knew her/him.

We remember Name for ..... (List some characteristics or traits of the deceased)

We just don't understand this Lord, but help us to let go of any anger or any desire for revenge. May our tears be replaced by smiles when we think of Name, giving thanks for her/his life and all that she/he was to us and our school.

Help us now pick up the pieces once again and to carry on in life as we believe Name would wish us to.

Almighty God, you know that it will be very difficult for us at our school without Name.

Bring us the strength and the hope we need to carry on as Name would have wished us to do.

We thank you Lord for the special gifts Name brought to the school and shared with us.

May the Church and the wider community give thanks for the contribution Name made to the life of (village/town name) and may we redouble our efforts to serve each other, in honour of her/his memory.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

We hold before God all those who are sad because someone they loved has died

We hold before God all those who are sad because someone they knew has died

We hold before God each one of us that we may support each other in the days to come.

We hold before God Name who has died. May s/he rest in peace. Amen.

Lord, we look up to you and receive from you

Your blessing



Your strength  
Your most holy love.  
In the darkest moments of our lives,  
Let us remember that you are the light  
You are the hope  
You are the courage we need. Amen

Lord God, help us find comfort in our sadness,  
Certainty in our doubt  
And the courage to live.  
Make our faith strong  
Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen

Circle us Lord  
Keep hope within;  
Keep fear without.

Circle us Lord,  
Keep peace within,  
Keep darkness out.

Circle us Lord,  
Keep calm within  
Keep turmoil out.

Circle us Lord,  
Keep love within  
Keep anger away.



## Useful Scriptures

1. Job 5:11  
The lowly he sets on high, and those who mourn are lifted to safety.
2. Psalm 27:13-14  
I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.
3. Isaiah 41:10  
Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.
4. John 16:33  
I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.
5. Romans 8:28  
And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.
6. Romans 8:37-38  
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
7. Romans 15:13  
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
8. 2 Corinthians 1:3  
Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.
9. Philippians 4:6  
Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done.
10. Hebrews 13:5  
I will never leave you or forsake you.