

## *A selection of prayers at the end of life or at the time of farewell*

I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown". And he replied "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light, and safer than a known way."

Living God, in the mystery of your eternity, we are not separated from *N* for your love holds us together. While we live, s/he will not be forgotten among us. In your eternal love, s/he will never be lost. May our memories of her/him enrich our lives.

May the good things of her/his life leave a trace on earth.

May your keeping of her/him glorify heaven. Amen

Bring us O Lord God at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven  
To enter into that gate and dwell in that house where there shall be  
No darkness nor dazzling but one equal light  
No noise nor silence but one equal music  
No fears nor hopes but one equal eternity  
In the habitation of Thy glory and dominion  
World without end. Amen.

*N*, go forth upon your journey from this world, in the name of God the Father almighty who created you; in the name of Jesus Christ who suffered death for you; in the name of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you; in communion with the blessed saints, and aided by angels and archangels, and all the armies of the heavenly host. May your portion this day be in peace, and your dwelling the heavenly Jerusalem. Amen.

Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.' Loving God, we long for peace; peace to leave *N* with you. Peace to strengthen us for today and tomorrow Peace with ourselves, with each other and with you. Grant us that peace which the world cannot give, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*N*, may you rest in peace, fulfilment and in love. May God who brought you into the light of each morning bring you into the light and peace of eternity. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

### **Blessing**

So May God give *us* his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among *us* and remain with *us* always. *Amen.*

