

AFTER A DEATH IN THE FAMILY

Almighty and most merciful God, the consolation of the sorrowful, and the support of the weary, look down in tender love and pity, we beseech Thee, upon us; whose joy has been turned into mourning, so that while we mourn we may not murmur or faint under this burden of sorrow; but remembering all Thy mercies, Thy promises, and Thy love in Christ, may resign ourselves meekly into Thy hands, and be taught and disciplined by Thee. Turn us wholly to Thyself, fill our hearts with Thy love, that we may cleave more closely to Thee, who bringest life out of death, and who canst turn our grief into eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Almighty and everlasting God, we bless Thy holy name for all Thy servants departed in Thy faith and fear. Suffer not our love for them to grow cold in the time of our separation; and help us to have them in continual remembrance before Thee. Give us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate. Amen.