

November Prayers



Gracious God,
who loves and cares
for us,
we come to you
in prayer.

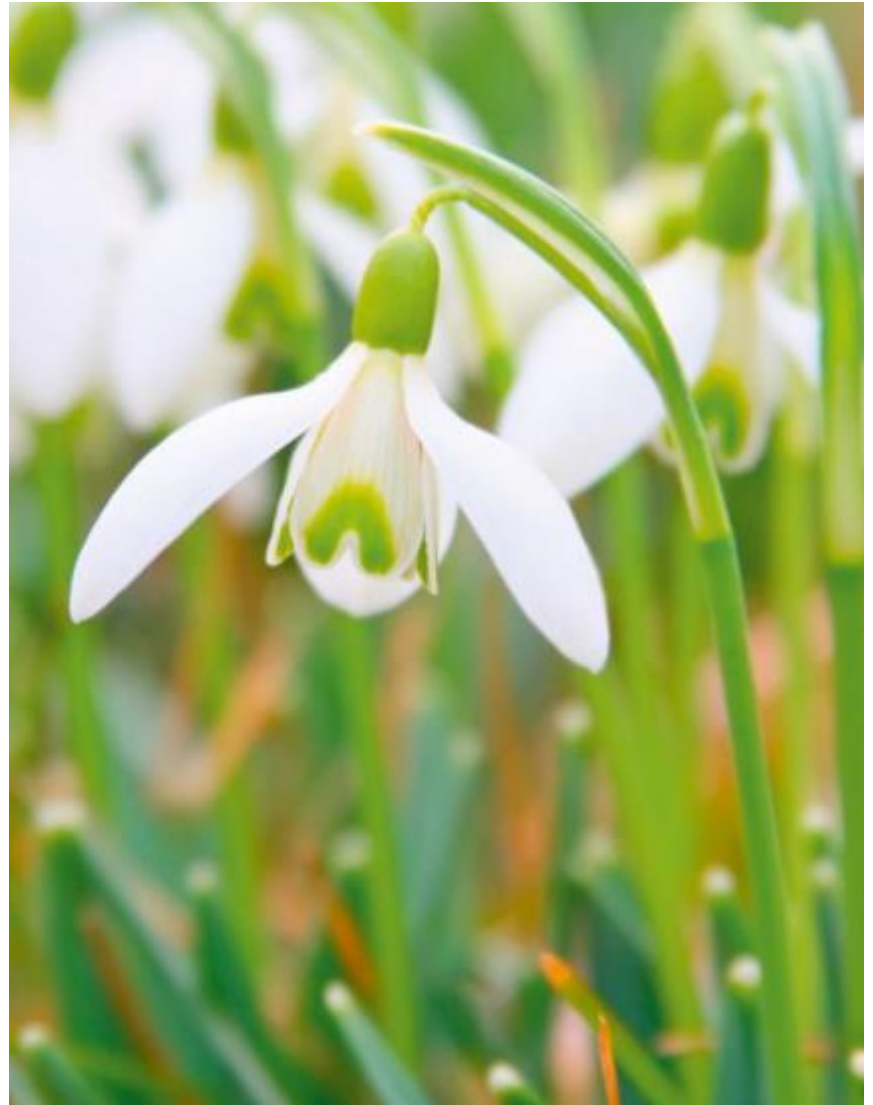
In the month of
November especially,
we remember
with love and
gratitude
those who have died
and we pray for
all who mourn.

The Clouds' Veil

Liam Lawton The Clouds' Veil: The
Song of the Celtic Soul

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JOHN (14:1-3)

Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You trust in God, trust also in me.

In my Father's house there are many places to live in; Otherwise I would have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you to myself, so that you may be with me where I am.

You can shed tears that they have gone,
or you can smile because they have lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that they will come back,
or you can open your eyes and see all they have left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see them,
or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow
and live yesterday,

or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember only that they have gone,
or you can cherish their memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back.

Or you can do what they would want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

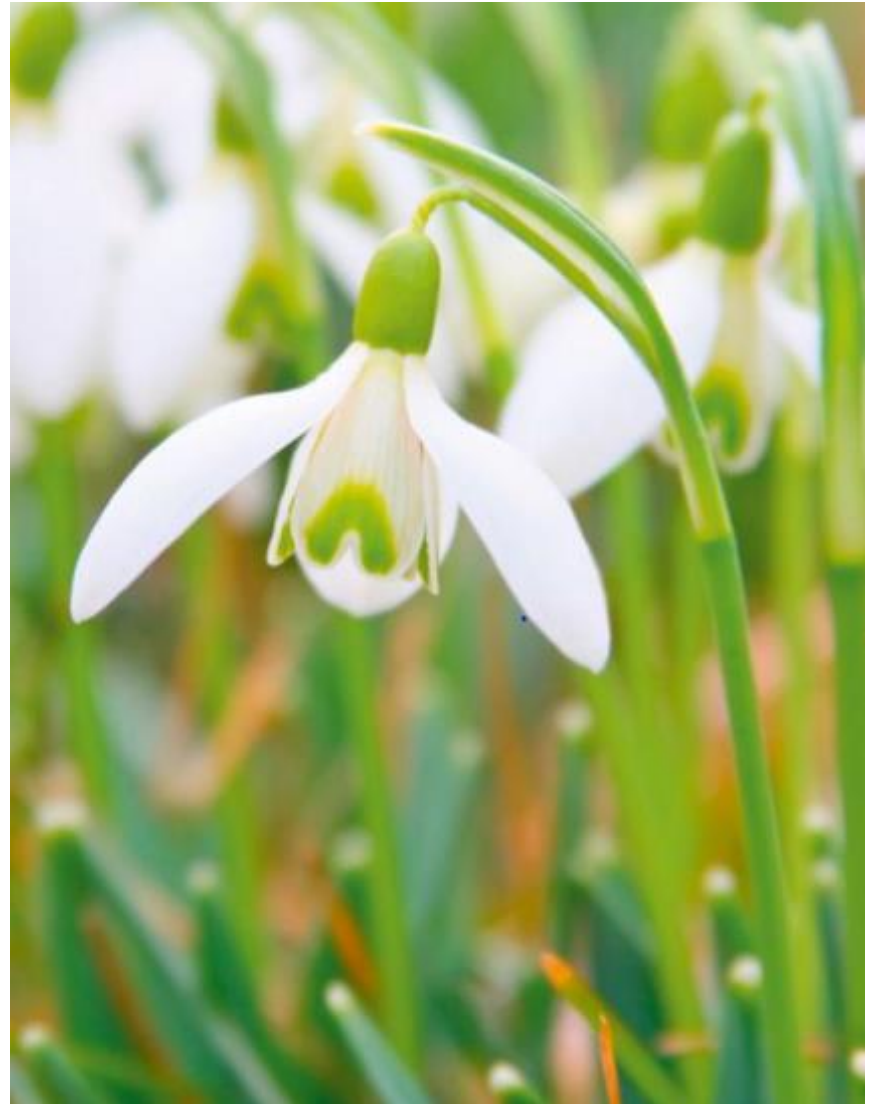
Gracious God, we ask you to bless the families of our staff and students.

Bless those who are ill and the many people in our school community who are caring for those who are sick.

We pray for the blessing of good health and protection from the virus that is currently directing so many of our decisions.

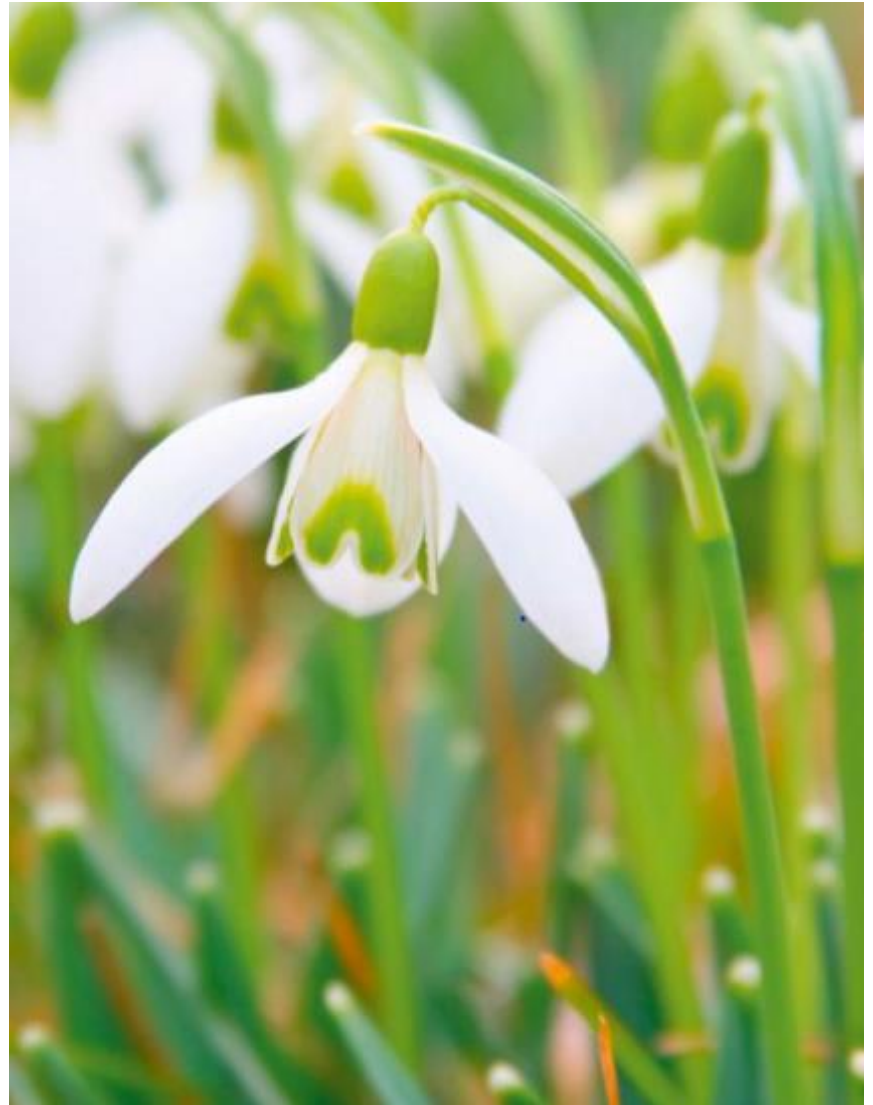
Bless all with the gifts of resilience, of compassion, of good humour, and of God-given creativity which helps us to envisage new ways of working together for the education of our young people.


Response: Loving God, be with us at this time of remembrance.



Gracious God, we ask you to bless us with the capacity to embody Mary Ward's characteristics of justice, freedom, sincerity, truth, joy and love in all our relationships in school. As we continue to care for our school community, attuned to new calls which this pandemic has occasioned, bless us with the capacity to be truly people of faith, hope and compassion.

Response: Loving God, be with us at this time of remembrance.



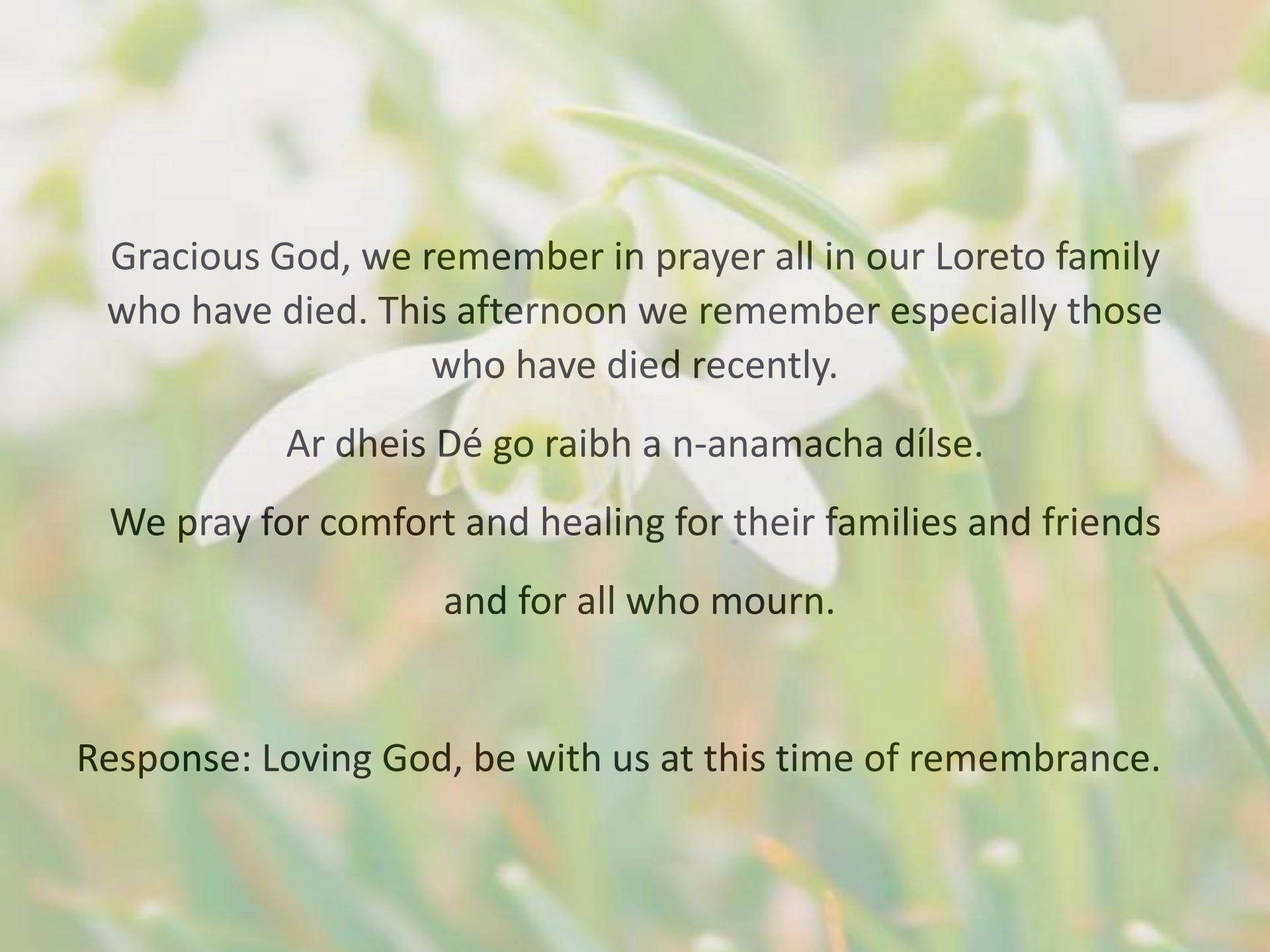


Gracious God,
we ask you to bless us with the ability to be
reflective in our decisions and in our
interactions with others at a time of
uncertainty and pressure.

Help us to turn to you in trust as we bring our
concerns to you who love and protect us
always.

Response:

Loving God,
be with us at this time
of remembrance.




Gracious God, we remember in prayer all in our Loreto family who have died. This afternoon we remember especially those who have died recently.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha dílse.

We pray for comfort and healing for their families and friends and for all who mourn.

Response: Loving God, be with us at this time of remembrance.

A close-up photograph of a snowdrop flower, showing its white petals and green stem. A white circular overlay is positioned on the left side of the image, containing text. The background is a soft-focus field of similar flowers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon
them.

May they rest in peace.

May the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

Amen.

Concluding Prayer

Loving and Gracious God,

You are close to those who call on
you.

Be with us and with all those
who remember and mourn departed
family and friends.

Comfort us with your promise of
eternal life.

We make our prayer through Christ
our Lord. Amen.



We remember
with Faith, Hope
and Love



Death is
not extinguishing
the light;
it is only
putting out the lamp
because the dawn
has come.
Rabindranath Tagore

Ní imithe uainn atá siad,
ach imithe romhainn.



They are not gone from us,
but gone before us.



Ní imithe uainn atá siad,
ach imithe romhainn.



O Lord,
support us all the day long
until the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in thy mercy,
grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest,
and peace at the last.
Amen.

Prayer of St John Henry Newman



Music



Ag Críost an Síol

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pH-CIEDnrtE>

Pieta: The Silence and the Sorrow - Liam Lawton

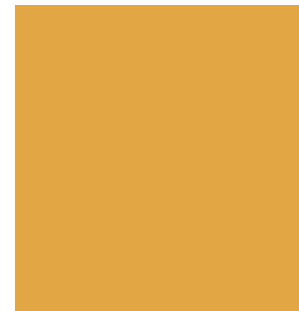
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On Eagle's Wings - Michael Joncas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvpjxfWrjzY>

Be Not Afraid - Bob Dufford

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RFODlpFOoBg>



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ach imithe romhainn.



See also:

- <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/scripture-and-tradition/catholic-living/grief-resources/>
- <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2020/10/27/in-november-we-remember-2/>
- <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturg>
- November Resources from the [Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin](#)
- Northern Pastoral Area Network Resource [November – A Month to Remember – NPN](#)

