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# November

We remember  
with love and  
gratitude...





# **Interfaith Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land**

God, you are the shepherd of Israel and Palestine.  
We pray to you as our faithful God of mercy, compassion and  
steadfast love.

We are a people who desire peace and fear war.  
Change the hearts of those plotting death, destruction and  
devastation. Transform the souls of those who are motivated by  
violence and vengeance.

For our God is the God of the child desperate for water and is  
the same God of the family terrified for their precious hostages.

God is in all souls. God waits on every path.

<https://www.irishchaplaincy.org.uk/>



# Interfaith Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land (continued)

Today, the valley of the shadow of death is crowded with God's children, who want to sit down at God's table, as people who share the Holy Book, who live and dwell in the Holy Land, and who can trace a shared past - back to Abraham.

Help us to see that what we share together in common is so much more than what divides us.





**Interfaith Prayer  
for  
Peace in the Holy Land  
(continued)**

May we speak healing words, to share an anointing of peace and to shatter the overflowing cup of death, before more is poured out on those who are innocent.

Goodness and mercy will follow us even in these days of fear and grief. May we build your house of reconciliation and peace, to dwell in it together.

# The Clouds' Veil

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3hsBGwQjBw>

## Chorus

Even though the rain hides the stars,  
Even though the mist swirls the hills,  
Even when the dark clouds veil the  
sky,

You are by my side.

Even when the sun shall fall in sleep,  
Even when at dawn the sky shall  
weep,

Even in the night when storms shall  
rise,

You are by my side.

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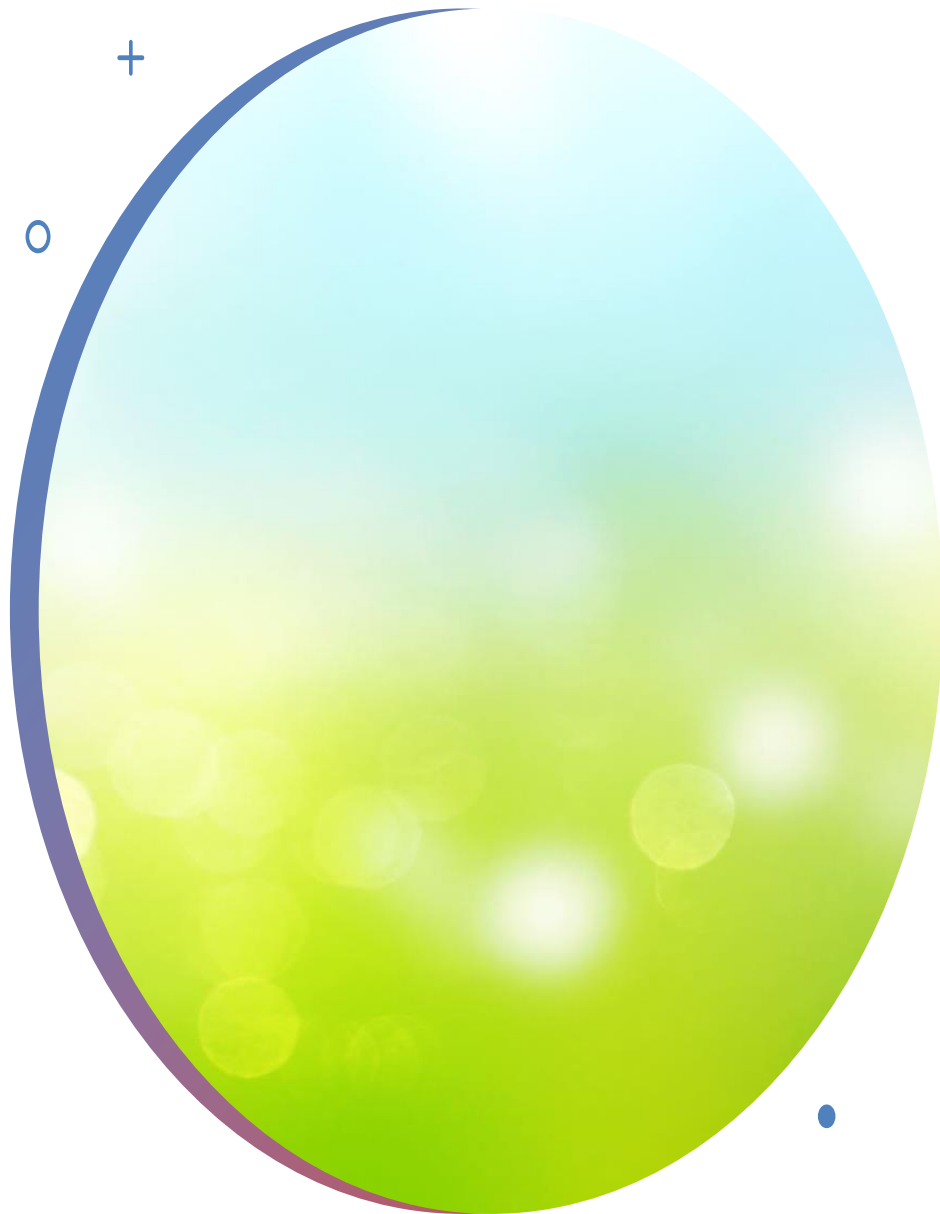
- 1 Bright the stars at night that mirror heaven's way to you.
- Bright the stars in light where dwell the saints in love and truth.
- Chorus
- 2 Deep the feast of life where saints shall gather in deep peace. Deep in heaven's light where sorrows pass beyond death's sleep.
- Chorus
- 3 Blest are they who sing the fellowship of saints in light. Blest is heaven's King. All saints adore the Lord, Most High.
- Chorus



# ***The timeless NOW of Eternity***

Eileen Randles IBVM

Death is  
Not an end  
But a continuing  
A changing  
For new-venue living  
A going  
And a coming  
With God  
To God  
All faith fulfilling



# ***The timeless NOW of Eternity***

No longer  
Wavering  
Wondering  
But secure  
At peace.

Happily gone on ahead  
Rejoining  
Awaiting  
Horizon-scanning  
In the timeless NOW of Eternity

As part of Project 50:50,  
one of DCU's Women in  
Leadership initiatives,  
E223 Lecture Theatre in  
DCU St Patrick's Campus  
is to be named as the  
**Eileen Randles Lecture  
Theatre**  
on 7 November 2023.

- Sr. Eileen Randles (1937-2015) was a native of Kenmare, and a member of the Loreto Sisters.
- She held several key roles in the Irish educational landscape including head of the Dublin Diocesan Education Secretariat, general secretary of the Catholic Primary School Management Association, president of Mater Dei Institute of Education; vice-president of the Joint Managerial Body and trustee of the Association of Community and Comprehensive Schools.
- Her sharp intellect, expertise and command of the complex legalities of school governance and patronage single her out as one of the most influential figures in the evolution of the school system in Ireland.

## Cuireadh | Invitation



The President of Dublin City University,  
Professor Dáire Keogh, cordially invites you  
to a special event to mark the naming of the

### **Eileen Randles Lecture Theatre**

followed by a reception.

**Date:**

Tuesday, 7 November 2023

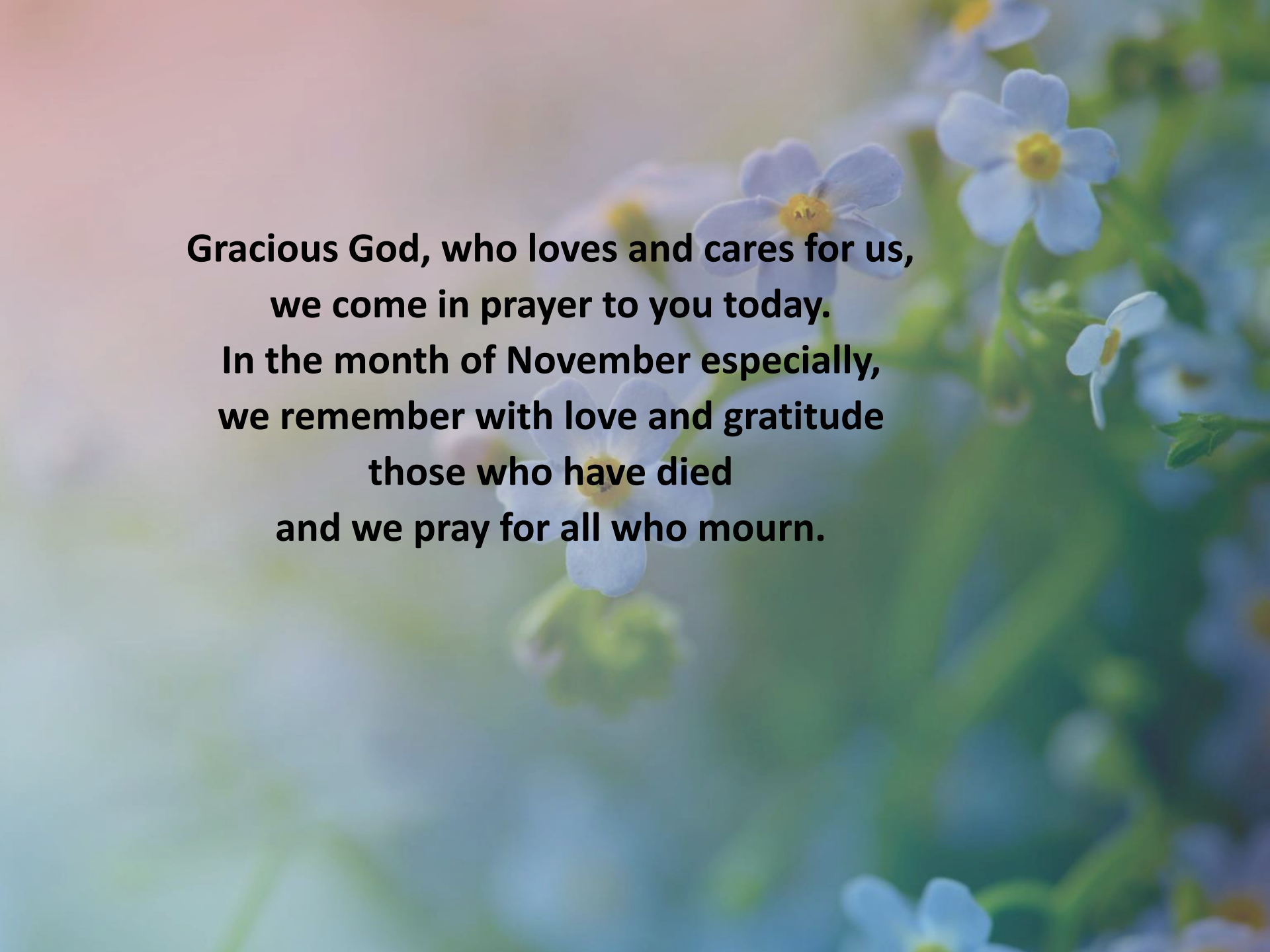
**Time:** 7pm



In November, we remember with  
love and gratitude those who  
have died.

Those who die go no further from  
us than God and God is very near.





**Gracious God, who loves and cares for us,  
we come in prayer to you today.  
In the month of November especially,  
we remember with love and gratitude  
those who have died  
and we pray for all who mourn.**



# 1 November Feast of All Saints

*All Saints Day,  
also known as All Hallows' Day,  
or Hallowmas,  
is a Christian celebration  
in honour of all the saints  
from Christian history.*





# 2 November All Souls' Day

*All Souls' Day,  
and throughout the month of  
November,  
is traditionally the time in the  
Church  
when we remember  
our loved ones who have died.*





# 6 November

## All Saints of Ireland

- *Only four saints, St Malachy (1094-1148), St Lawrence O'Toole (1128-80) and St Oliver Plunkett (1625-81) and St Charles of Mount Argus (1821-93), have been officially canonised.*
- *All the other Irish saints, such as Saints Patrick, Brigid, and Colmcille, are saints, as it were, by acclamation of the local Church.*
- *The scope of this feast is wider as it includes those who had a reputation for holiness and whose causes for canonisation have not yet been completed.*
- *It also includes those whose lives of sanctity were known only to their families, friends or members of their parish diocese or religious community.*

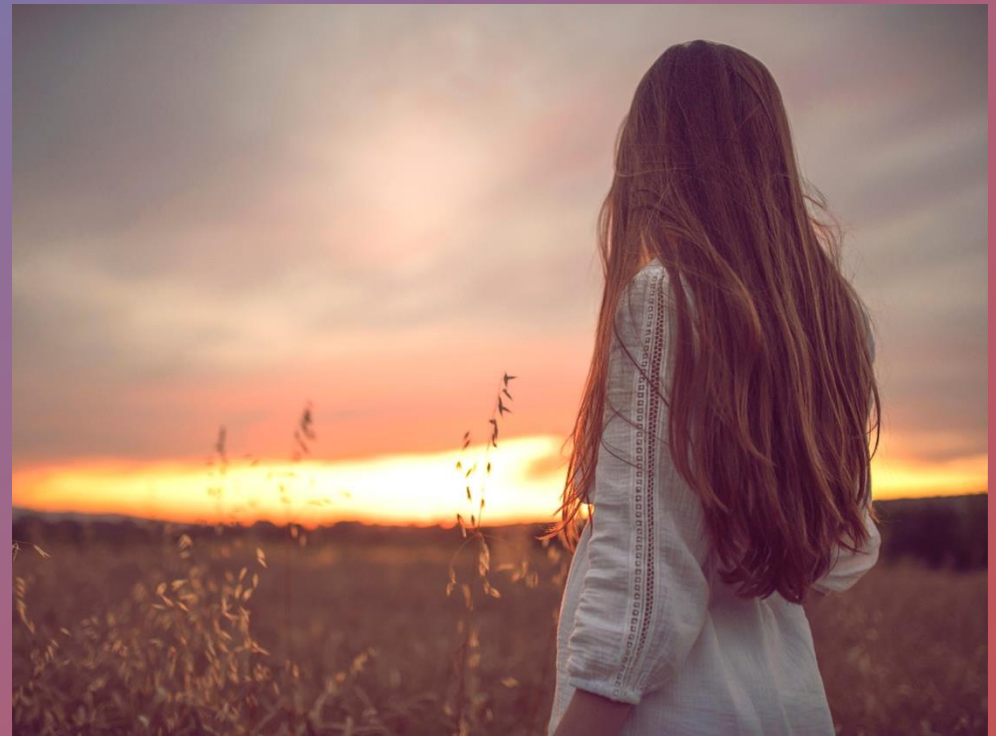
Psalm 34:18  
“The Lord is  
close to the  
broken-hearted  
and saves those  
who are  
crushed in  
spirit.”

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Revelation 21:4  
“He will wipe every  
tear from their eyes.  
There will be no more  
death or mourning or  
crying or pain, for the  
old order of things has  
passed away.”







## **John 11**

Jesus said to her,  
“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.”



# On the Death of the Beloved

An extract from John O Donohue

You dwell in that safe place  
in our hearts  
Where no storm or night or  
pain can reach you.


Your love was like the dawn  
Brightening over our lives,  
Awakening beneath the  
dark

A further adventure of  
color.

The sound of your voice  
Found for us  
A new music  
That brightened  
everything.

Let us not look for you only  
in memory,  
Where we would grow  
lonely without you.

You would want us to find  
you in presence,  
Beside us when beauty  
brightens,  
When kindness glows  
And music echoes eternal  
tones.



# Prayer for those who mourn

Bless those who mourn, eternal God,  
with the comfort of your love  
that they may face each new day with hope  
and the certainty that nothing can destroy  
the good that has been given.  
May their memories become joyful,  
their days enriched with friendship,  
and their lives encircled by your love.  
Amen.

*Vienna Cobb Anderson, from Prayers of Our Hearts*

Let not your  
hearts be  
troubled  
**John 14:1**

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Do not let your hearts be  
troubled.

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Trust in God, and trust also in  
me.



## You are the Resurrection and the Life

You are the Resurrection  
and the Life.

All our hope is in you.

Christ Jesus,

you wept at the death of your friend, Lazarus.

Now your compassion wipes the tears from our eyes.

May we find comfort in reaching out to others  
who feel lost and alone.

You are the Resurrection and the Life.

All our hope is in you.

*Linda Jones*



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.

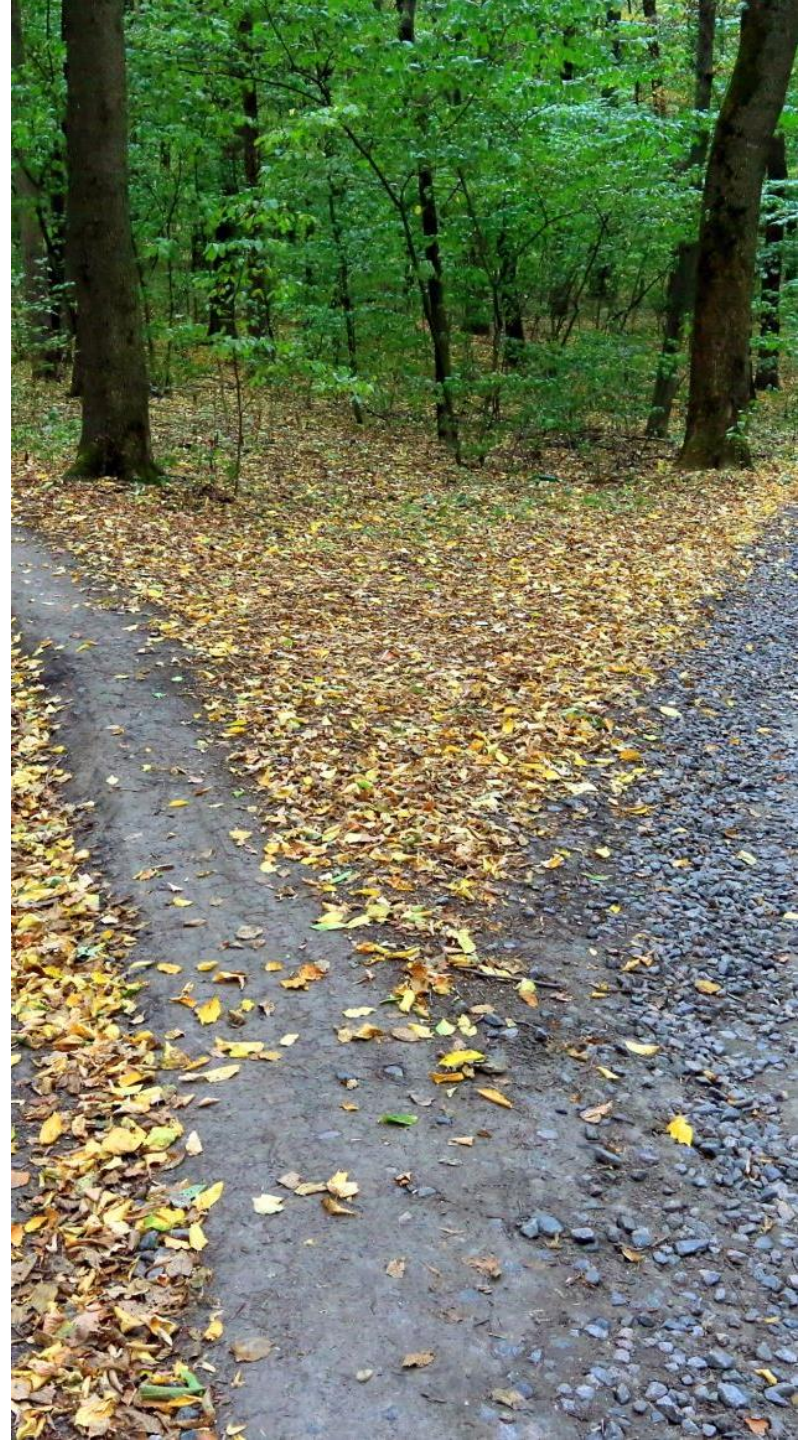
You can cry and close your mind, be empty  
and turn your back.

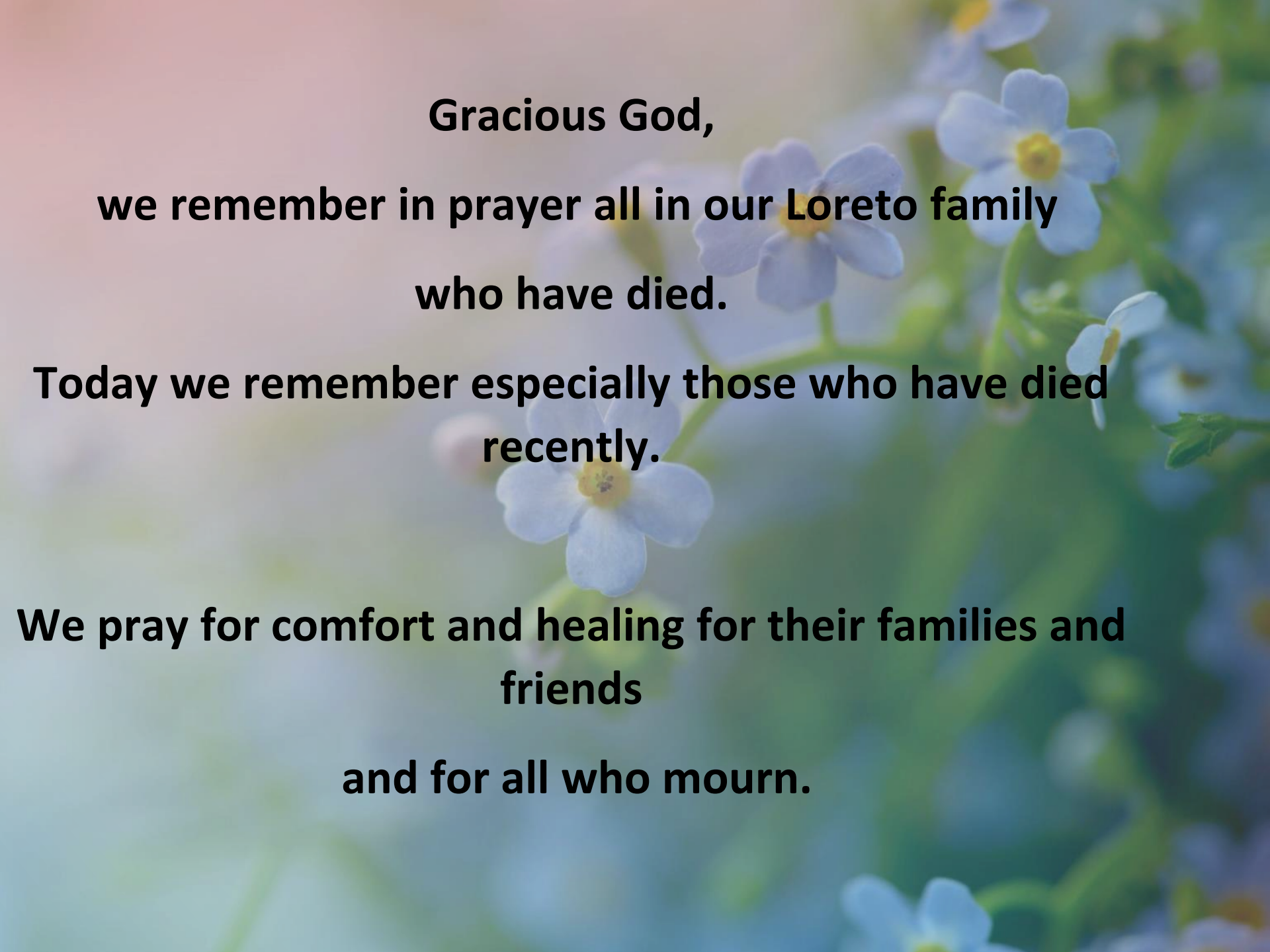
Or you can do what they would want: smile,  
open your eyes, love and go on.





Loving God,  
we ask you to bless us with the  
ability to be reflective in our  
decisions and in our interactions  
with others especially at times 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.





**Gracious God,  
we remember in prayer all in our Loreto family  
who have died.**

**Today we remember especially those who have died  
recently.**

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





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.





# Hold me to your heart

God of compassion,  
when I feel helpless in my grief,  
hold me to your heart.

God of gentleness,  
in those moments when life is dark,  
keep me close to you.

God of comfort,  
when I am overcome with sadness,  
shelter me under your wings.

Ever-faithful God,  
help me to find reassurance and hope  
in these words of hope to all your people -  
"Because you are precious to me,  
because I love you,  
there is no need to be afraid,  
for I am with you." (Isaiah 43)

*Margaret Lillis*



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

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Rabindranath Tagore

"What do we do when our hearts  
hurt?" asked the boy



"We wrap them with friendship,  
Shared tears and time, till they  
wake hopeful and happy again."





## 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.





***Deora Dé -***  
**Burnchurch / Na**  
**Casaidigh óga**

For those missing loved ones as the season of Advent draws near and we prepare for Christmas ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6HJmNqfUXA>