

Attached are suggested Christian Readings (New Testament Readings) you may consider for your loved one's funeral liturgy.

Optional readings include:

<i>Scripture Passage</i>	<i>Church Reference Number</i>
Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36	NT-1
Colossians 3:12-21	NT-2
2 Corinthians 4:13-15	NT-3
2 Timothy 4:5-8	NT-4 (long)
2 Timothy 2:8-13	NT-5
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a	NT-7 (long)
1 Corinthians 13:1-8a	NT-7 (short)
1 Corinthians 15:20-23	NT-8
1 Corinthians 15:51-57	NT-9
2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1	NT-10
Philippians 3:20-21	NT-12
Romans 5:5-11	NT-14
Romans 5:17-21	NT-15
Romans 6:3-9	NT-16 (long)
Romans 6:3-4, 8-9	NT-16 (short)
Romans 8:14-23	NT-17
Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39	NT-18
Ephesians 5:32; 6:1a-4, 10	NT-20
Revelation 14:13	NT-21
Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7	NT -22

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to St. Timothy

For I am already being poured out like a libation,
and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have competed well;

I have finished the race;

I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord,
the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me,
but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,
about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve
like the rest, who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God,
through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen
asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice
of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down
from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up
together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed,
we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands,
eternal in heaven.

So we are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body
and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him,
whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,
so that each one may receive recompense,
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans

I consider the sufferings of the present to be nothing
compared to the glory that will be revealed in us one day.

Indeed, the whole created world eagerly awaits that day
and the revelation of God.

Yes, all creation groans in agony awaiting the redemption
of our glorified bodies.

We will be saved by hope.

And hoping for what we cannot see means awaiting it with
patient endurance.

A person who has died with Christ, we believe,
will also live with Him.

We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, will never die again;
death has no more power over him.

For I am certain that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor principalities,
neither the present nor the future,
neither height nor depth, nor powers,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God which comes to us in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die,
we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be
Lord of both the dead and the living.

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;
for it is written:

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before
me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord.