

Readings for the Funeral Liturgy

The following are lists of Scriptures appropriate for use at Catholic Funeral Liturgies. Choose one reading from the Old Testament or the New Testament and one reading from the Gospels.

****Non-Scripture readings cannot be read in place of these readings.**

Old Testament

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 27-31 "...a worthy wife, her value beyond pearls..."

Job 19: 1, 23-27 "...I know that my vindicator lives...."

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 "...A time to be born, a time to die..."

Wisdom 3:1-9 "...The souls of the just are in the hand of God..."

Wisdom 4:7-14 "The Righteous One, though he die early, shall be at rest..."

Lamentations 3:17-26 "...My portion is the Lord, says my soul..."

New Testament

Romans 5:5-11 "...We were reconciled to God through the death of his Son..."

Romans 6:3-9 "...if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall live with him..."

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12 "This is why Christ died and came to life"

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a "If I do not have love, I gain nothing"

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 "If we believe that Jesus died and rose..."

2 Timothy 4:1-2, 6-8 "I have competed well; I have finished the race..."

Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7 "...I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem..."

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a "The Eight Beatitudes"

Matthew 6:25-34 "Do not worry about your life..."

Matthew 11:25-30 "come to me . . . and I will give you rest."

Matthew 25:31-46 "Come, you whom my Father has blessed"

Luke 1:46-55 "My spirit rejoices in God my savior..."

Luke 23:33-43 "Today you will be with me in paradise."

John 3:16, 17, 21 "God so loved the world..."

John 6:37-40 "All who believe in the Son will have eternal life..."

John 6:51-58 "All who eat this bread will live forever...."

John 10: 11-18 "I am the good shepherd..."

John 11:17-27 "I am the resurrection and the life."

John 12:23-28 "If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies..."

John 14:1-6 "There are many rooms in my Father's house."