

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those people
who have been injured
or who have died in active service.
As we honour their courage
and cherish their memory,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life,
peace and hope, now and for ever.

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Gatherer of souls, may we,
with our forebears, commune with you.
Enabler of souls, may we,
with the world's shining personalities,
reflect your glory in the world.
Comforter of souls, may we,
with those who have fallen in war,
be fulfilled in you.

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Saviour God, as we the
communion of the living,
salute the communion of the dead,
heal the ancient wound that festers
in humanity's heart.
Release compassion in places where
much blood has been shed,
heal those who can barely live with
memories of injury or loss,
salvage hope from the wrecks of time.

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O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those
whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names
we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the
torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for
those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever. Amen.

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Bring us, O Lord God,
at our last awakening
into the house and gate of heaven,
to enter that gate
and dwell in that house.
where there shall be no darkness nor
dazzling, but one equal light;
no noise nor silence,
but one equal music;
no fears nor hopes,
but one equal possession;
no ends or beginnings,
but one equal eternity;
in the habitations of your glory
and dominion,
world without end. Amen.

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of saints*



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O Lord our God, who is in every place
and from whom no space or
distance can ever separate us,
we know that those who are absent
from each other are present with you.

We therefore pray you to have
in your holy keeping those dear ones
from whom we are now parted;
and grant that both they and we,
by drawing nearer unto you,
may be drawn nearer to each other,
bound together by the unseen chain
of your love, in the communion of your
Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Jesus Christ,
Lord of the living and dead;
With each generation your body
of believers grows and grows.
Thank you for all who have
gone before us,
for what they achieved
and what they learned.
Give us strength to do your will,
to be your body now;
to the honour of your holy name.

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God of grace, we thank you
for the saints whom we ourselves
have known and loved.
It does not come easily to us
to call them saints,
it seems as if ordinary mortals are
not good or great enough,
but you have given
your people this name
and invited us into your company
and you know how much we loved them.
So for these good companions,
whom we name before you
for their love,
and for our love of them,
we give you grateful thanks.

*Please say the names of your loved
ones out loud or in your heart.*

In the mystery of your love
in the power of your spirit
we are one with them.
We give great thanks.

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Eternal God who mothers us all,
sinners find mercy in you
and saints find joy.
You hold all souls in life;
the dead as well as the living
are in your care.
Thank you for the wonder
and variety of human lives.
We remember in your presence,
and give you praise;
for wise souls in our land,
for those who brought wit,
invention or music,
for those whose work or care
enriched others,
for the frail and those frustrated
in their hopes,
for those who disappointed
even themselves,
for the quiet and faithful ones,
for those who showed courage
in triumph or trial,
for forgotten souls remembered
now by you alone.

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Loving God, thank you for
all those who have shaped our lives,
but whom we no longer see.
Help us to remember them well,
and trust that they are at peace
with you. Amen.

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