

*At a funeral service different prayers can be used which help to explain what Christians believe has happened to the person who has died. Here are two of them. Where you see an "N" you put in the dead person's name. In the second prayer the words in bold are said by everyone and the vicar says the rest.*

## Two Prayers from a Christian Funeral Service

*N* has fallen asleep in the peace of Christ.  
We entrust *him*, with faith and hope in everlasting life,  
to the love and mercy of our Father  
and surround *him* with our love and prayer.  
In baptism, *he* was made by adoption a child of God.  
At the eucharist *he* was sustained and fed.  
God now welcomes *him* to his table in heaven  
to share in eternal life with all the saints.



**Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with the saints:  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all:  
and we are mortal, formed from the dust of the earth,  
and unto earth shall we return.  
For so you ordained when you created me, saying:  
'Dust you are and to dust you shall return.'  
All of us go down to the dust,  
yet weeping at the grave, we make our song:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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where sorrow and pain are no more,  
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