

PRAYER SERVICE TWO

Theme: “We offer **N...** to the Lord”

OPENING HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

Leader : God, Our loving Father, we entrust to you our loved one **N...** who has departed from this earthly life. You are the source of life; it is to you that all life will return.

Grant **N...** your eternal light and joy; shower upon the family members and relatives that he/she has left behind with your comfort and consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All : **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

John 16:20-22

Leader : Jesus said, “In all truth I tell you, you will be weeping and wailing while the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy. A woman in childbirth suffers, because her time has come; but when she has given birth to the child, she forgets the suffering, in

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her joy that a human being has been born into the world. So it is with you: you are sad now, but I shall see you again, and your hearts will be full of joy, and that joy no one shall take from you. (PAUSE)

REFLECTION:

Leader : We come here to accompany the family members and close relatives of **N**... They are in grief and sorrow because they have lost their loved one. Yet, death is a reality we cannot avoid; all of us have to face it someday. Jesus, who has conquered death, tells us that this experience of pain, sorrow and tears is only for a time. For those who believe in Him, there is fullness of life and joy after death. God gave our loved one **N**... to us; he has taken him/her back. In faith and with confidence, let us entrust **N**...to God our Loving Father. In this act of trust, let us humbly bow down to God's Holy Will. (PAUSE)

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

(Refer to the appropriate day of the week)

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INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord, bless us with life and peace.

- That **N...** may find eternal rest and peace in you. We pray to the Lord.
- That the family members and relatives of **N.** be blessed with the Spirit's comfort and consolation in their moment of grief. We pray to the Lord.
- That we who are alive may always be prepared to face the reality of death. We pray to the Lord.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader : God, our Loving Father, welcome in your tender mercy, **N...**whom we have offered these prayers and petitions. As he/she belonged to the community of the faithful here on earth, may he/she rejoice forever in the glorious community of your saints in Heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All : **Amen.**

CONCLUDING HYMN