Prayer for a Friend/Colleague Who Has Died

Into your hands, Gentle Father, we place our prayers for our departed friend, ______________. In your mercy, forgive him/her his/her sins, and admit him/her to your heavenly kingdom, Where the sorrows and pain of this life are no more, And the fullness of your joy reigns forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit’s comfort upon all who grieve his/her passing, And fill them with Christ’s peace, which surpasses all understanding To sustain them through these difficult days.

Strengthen the gift of hope you have planted in our hearts, That we might be salt for the earth and light for the world For one another and all who struggle Along this pilgrim way To our heavenly home.

And for all our departed friends and loved ones, we pray: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*  *And let perpetual light shine upon them.*  *May the souls of the faithful departed*  *Through the mercy of God,*  *Rest in peace.*

We make this prayer to you in the name of Jesus your Risen Son, Who is Lord.

Amen.