

RE Subject Leaders' Day

*We
remember*



Gathering Prayer

11th November, 2016



Gathering

Thanks be to the Father
I arise today.

**He gives me light
He guides my way.**

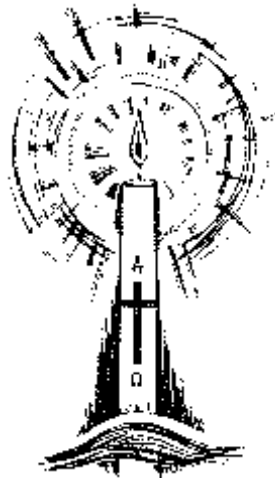
Thanks be to the Son
I arise today.

**He gives me love
He hears me pray.**

Thanks be to the spirit
I arise today.

**He gives me life
with me to stay.**

During the month of November we remember
those who have gone before us
marked with the sign of faith.
We give thanks to God for the gift of their lives.



Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25. 6 – 9

Gesture

Write the name of a loved one who has died on your heart shape and place it on the prayer table.



Intercessions

We remember and pray for Pope Francis and the church: that in faith and unity we may be constantly renewed by your Holy Spirit for mission and service.

Lord in your mercy:

hold us in the palm of your hand

We remember and pray for world leaders: that they may uphold what is just and right for the benefit of all.

Lord in your mercy:

hold us in the palm of your hand

We remember war torn countries and pray for peace:
that the world may know Christ's peace
and be free of violence, terrorism and war.

Lord in your mercy:

hold us in the palm of your hand

We remember and pray for our families and friends
that their lives be enriched by our friendship and love

Lord in your mercy:

hold us in the palm of your hand

We remember and pray for the children in our care.
that they may grow in faith and may learn to love you
and serve you all their days.

Lord in your mercy:

hold us in the palm of your hand

We remember and pray for those who are suffering from
any form of illness.

that you will do for them as you see best, and bless them
with your love and peace.

Lord in your mercy:

hold us in the palm of your hand

We remember and pray for those who have died
and their loved ones:

that those in mourning may experience your
comfort and peace.

Lord in your mercy:

hold us in the palm of your hand

We give back to you, O God,
those whom you gave to us.
You did not lose them when you gave them to us,
and we do not lose them by their return to you.
Your son has taught us that life is eternal,
and love cannot die.
So death is only a horizon,
and a horizon is only the limit of our sight.
Open our eyes to see more clearly,
and draw us closer to you
that we may know that we are nearer to our loved ones,
who are with you.
You have told us that you are preparing a place for us;
prepare us also for that place,
that where you are we may be always,

Amen

William Penn (1644-1718)

Closing Prayer

God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy
you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life.
Show compassion to your people in their sorrow.
Be our refuge and our strength to lift us
from the darkness of grief to the peace
and light of your presence.
Your Son, conquered death and restored life.
May we then go forward eagerly to meet him,
and after our life on earth
be reunited with our brothers and sisters
where every tear will be wiped away.

Amen.

Where does the journey end?
beyond where you can see.

Where do the years end?
that's unknown to you or me.

Where does life end?
in love and eternity.

Amen

