

Novena for Life

Day 9 – The Dying

Leader: In the Name of the Father + Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. Our Father...

Leader: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. – Psalm 116:15

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. – Phil. 1:21

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection of the dead. Phil 3: 10-11

Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. – Luke 23:46

Leader: Let us pray.

Father, we thank you for the assurance we have through the death and resurrection of Jesus that just as you breathed life into us at our conception so at death our life will continue with you into all eternity. As our death is precious to you, may natural death be honored and respected by everyone in our society. We pray that in the light of moves in our society to promote assisted suicide we will be aware of the dangers involved, dangers that human dignity will be eroded and abuses of the elderly and vulnerable take place. We pray that palliative care will be more available in our country, care that can change a patient's request for death into an appreciation for their final precious moments of life. We pray for all who counsel and care for the dying and especially for Christians, that they may bear witness to those walking through the valley of the shadow of death, that they need fear no evil, for the Lord is with them – his rod and staff comforts them. We ask all of these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ – our Lord. AMEN+

Prayer to Celebrate the Gospel of Life.