ORDER FOR THE VISITATION OF THE DYING

Remembering the words of our Lord Jesus Christ when he said, “Father, into thy hands I commend my Spirit,” the minister may use the following words at the time of death:

As you depart out of this world, O Christian soul, may your rest this day be in peace and your dwelling place in the Paradise of God.

In the name of God the Father Almighty who created you,
In the name of Jesus Christ who redeemed you,
In the name of the Holy Spirit who sanctified you. Amen.

Prayer

The following prayer may be used.

Let us pray.

O sovereign Lord, who desirest not the death of a sinner, we pray thee to loose the spirit of this thy servant from every bond and to set him free from all evil so that he may rest with all thy saints in the eternal habitations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

The following prayer may be used with the family after death has occurred.

Father of mercies and God of all comfort, look down in tender love and pity, we pray thee, on thy servants who mourn; so that, while they sorrow, they may not murmur or faint, but, remembering all thy mercies, thy promises, and thy love in Christ, may yield themselves into thy hands, to be taught and disciplined by thee. Fill their desolate hearts with thy love, that they may cleave more closely to thee, who bringest life out of death and canst turn their grief into eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.