

*Prayer for a child who has fallen asleep*

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, Master of life and death, Comforter of the afflicted!

With a broken and contrite heart, I run to Thee and pray to Thee: remember, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom Thy departed servant, my child (*name*), and make his/*her* memory to be eternal.

Thou, O Master of life and death, hast given me this child, and Thou didst will in Thy goodness and wisdom to take him/*her* again from me. May Thy name be blessed, O Lord.

I pray Thee, O Judge of heaven and earth, that by Thine endless love toward us sinners, Thou wouldst forgive my child who has fallen asleep all his/*her* transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, whether in word or deed, known or unknown.

Forgive, O Merciful One, also our sins as parents, that they may not remain with our children. We know that we have sinned greatly before Thee. There is much that Thou has commanded us that we have not observed and have not followed.

And if our departed child, whether due to his/*her* fault or ours, worked while he/*she* was in this world for the world and for his/*her* flesh rather than for Thee, His/*her* Lord and God; if he/*she* loved the deceptions of this world rather than Thy Word and Thy commandments; if he/*she* gave himself/*herself* over to the pleasures of life rather than to compunction over his/*her* sins, and through his/*her* intemperance forgot vigil, fasting and prayer –

I pray earnestly to Thee: forgive, O most good Father, my child all such transgressions which he/she has committed. Forgive and remit also any other evil he has done in this life.

Christ Jesus! Thou didst resurrect the daughter of Jairus by the faith and prayer of her father. Thou didst heal the daughter of the Canaanite woman by the faith and supplication of her mother. *Thou didst heal the servant of the faithful centurion. Thou didst heal the father's demoniac son, even thou his/her prayer and faith were weak. Thou didst hearken unto the repentant prayer of Manasses. Thou didst raise the widow's son because of the prayer of a harlot.*

Do Thou also hear this my prayer, and forgive and cleanse his/her soul, deliver him/her from eternal torments and settle him/her with all of Thy saints, who have from the ages been well-pleasing unto Thee, where there is neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting. For there is no man who liveth and sinneth not, but Thou alone art without any sin.

When Thou shalt come to judge the world, grant that my child might hear Thy voice saying those much-desired words: Come, ye blessed of My Father, and inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For Thou art a merciful and compassionate Father; Thou art our life and resurrection, and unto Thee do we send up glory, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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