

## Prayer on the occasion of a death

### Opening Prayer

Compassionate God, we come to you tonight at this very sad time for our school community. \_\_\_\_\_ touched our lives by his/her presence here with us. Life is a series of beginnings and endings. Comfort us as we cope with this ending and lead \_\_\_\_\_ into a new beginning in the shadow of your love.

### Reading: Matthew 11:28-30



Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

### Prayers of Intercession

#### Response *Hear our Prayer*

For \_\_\_\_\_ who has died and is on his/her way to you, Lord. Give him/her the fullness of life and happiness. In your mercy....

For those who are mourning the loss of \_\_\_\_\_. Give them strength in the days ahead and help them to feel your healing presence. In your mercy....

For our school community. May we remember with joy the life of \_\_\_\_\_ and be grateful for the gift of his/her presence here with us. In your mercy ...

### Closing Prayer

O Lord, support us all the day long,  
Until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.  
Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us safe lodging,  
A holy rest, and peace at last:  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen