

Trust in Grief

Opening Responses

Reader In the darkest night –
When we feel most afraid
ALL SOMEONE COMES ALONGSIDE US –
A MAN WALKING IN THE DARKNESS
AS IF DARKNESS WERE DAY.

Reader In the storms of life
When we feel buffeted –
Our dreams blown and torn –
Our trust stretched to its fullest
ALL JESUS CALLS OUR NAME
AND CALMS THE STORMS THAT ASSAIL US

Reader In the trials of life
When we feel overwhelmed by worry
and apprehension
ALL JESUS REACHES OUT A HAND -
INVITES US TO TRUST
AND WE FIND WE CAN WALK ON WATER.

Suggested Readings: Matthew 14: 22-33, John 11:
1-44 (shortened if necessary)

Closing Responses

Reader We give thanks for the fruits of the labours
of those who have died:
For the gifts they gave to the world
For the gifts they gave to us.
ALL GATHER THEIR FRUITS
THE WORK OF THEIR HANDS AND THEIR
HEARTS
INTO THE HARVEST OF THE KINGDOM

Reader In our sorrow for those who died,
we look to you and to one another for comfort
ALL LORD, ENFOLD IN YOUR LOVE OUR ACHING
HEARTS
AND THE HEARTS OF ALL WHO MOURN

CHERISH US –
SOOTHE US –
CONSOLE US –
TEACH US TO BELIEVE IN A FUTURE BEYOND
TEARS.

Reader As remember those we love
We remember your love for them
A love that endures from eternity to eternity
ALL WE ENTRUST THOSE WE LOVE TO YOUR
ETERNAL LOVE
WE COMMIT THEIR SOULS TO YOUR KEEPING.
WE GO TO LIVE IN HOPE
THAT WE WILL MEET THEM IN YOUR KINGDOM
WHERE THERE ARE NO TEARS – NO MOURNING
NO DARKNESS OF SORROW
FOR YOU ARE OUR LIGHT AND OUR SALVATION
AND WE PLACE ALL OUR TRUST IN YOU.

Reader And so, we ask God to bless us and keep us in
trust
ALL THE FATHER – THE SON – AND THE HOLY
SPIRIT

Reader And until we and those whom we have loved and
lost meet again
ALL MAY GOD HOLD US IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND.
AMEN.

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