

GRIEF FOR CHILD

(Additional phrases and Bible verses for your prayers are on the next pages)
(Replace “ _____ ” with the name(s) of the one(s) for whom you are praying)

Gracious Heavenly Father, I come into Your presence with thanksgiving and adoration. Please help me remember my sins to confess them, and please forgive them. I freely forgive anyone who has wronged me. O Lord, my God, guide me as I pray for _____, who grieves. I know that You are faithful, God, and You are still with us. You will not let us fall. You will see _____ through this. _____, may the memories held deeply within your heart soothe your spirit at this time. Absent from the body, present with the Lord, we do not grieve as those who have no hope.

John 14:18 promises *“I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.”* Thank You.

“...I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him for that day.” 2 Timothy 1:12 Lord God, _____ has entrusted someone very dear to You, knowing that You are able to guard the one that _____ has entrusted to You for that day when Jesus will come again and the circle will once more be unbroken.

“The LORD is my shepherd...even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” Psalm 23:1, 4 Thank You, LORD, for comforting _____ in this walk through the valley of the shadow.

“And the God of all grace...after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast. To Him be the power for ever and ever. Amen” 1 Peter 5:10-11 Thank You that after _____ has suffered a little while, You will Yourself restore _____ and make _____ strong, firm, and steadfast. To You be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die... a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.” Ecclesiastes 3:1-2,4 Lord, help _____ know in _____’s heart that there is a time for everything, to bring perspective and comfort at this time of great loss.

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13 May the memories of your loved one held deeply within your heart comfort and sustain you in your season of grief, _____.

I ask these things in the holy name of Jesus, that Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

(The prayer above is complete, however, if you wish further suggestions, they are provided on the following pages for your convenience.)

“...the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing.” 2 Timothy 4:6-8 I pray that _____ will rejoice that the good fight was fought, the race finished, the faith kept and the crown of righteousness will be awarded.

“Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.” Psalm 126:5-6 Thank You, Lord.

“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all.” Psalm 34:18-19 In the name of Jesus, save _____, the brokenhearted, who is crushed in spirit, and deliver _____ from all troubles in this season of grief. Thank You, LORD God.

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39 Praise God that _____ cannot be separated from the love God has for _____ in Christ Jesus.

“If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.” Romans 14:8 Lord, comfort _____ with this eternal truth.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.” 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 You, Lord, are the only One who can comfort _____, turn misery into ministry, scars into stars. Thank You, Jesus, for comforting _____.

“Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness and the deepest gloom and broke away their chains. Let them give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love...” Psalm 107:13-15 LORD, save _____ from distress. Bring _____ out of the deepest gloom and break away the chains. Let _____ give thanks to You for Your unfailing love.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” Colossians 3:23-24 Help _____ focus on this inheritance from You as a reward.

“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.” 2 Timothy 1:7 This spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline is yours, _____ .

“Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life; ...with Your right hand You save me. The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; Your love, O LORD, endures forever – do not abandon the works of Your hands.” Psalm 138:7-8 O LORD, _____ walks in the midst of trouble. Thank You that Your love endures forever, and you will never abandon _____, who is the work of Your hands.

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be

revealed in us.” Romans 8:18 Thank You for the glory that will be revealed in _____. May the present trials of _____ prove to be no more than the anvil upon which the blade of deliverance is forged.

“When I am afraid, I will trust in You.” Psalm 56:3 Trust in God, _____, and fear not.

“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.” Psalm 116:15 We know the heavens rejoice when a saint, or believer, dies. We grieve for our loss, _____, and ask for the balm of Gilead to ease the pain. He is faithful; His mercies are new every morning; He will comfort you.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7 May _____ pray with thanksgiving and receive the peace of God, which will guard the heart and mind of _____.

“...I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.” Isaiah 57:15 God lives with _____ who is contrite and lowly in spirit in grief, and He will revive the spirit and heart of _____.

“...though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food... yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to go on the heights.” Habakkuk 3:17-19 Thank You for enabling _____ to be joyful in You, and for enabling _____ to go on the heights.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11 Thank You for plans to prosper _____ and not to harm _____, plans to give _____ hope and a future.

“...And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.” Romans 5:2-5 Your present suffering will produce perseverance, character and hope, _____. Hope will not disappoint you, because God has poured out His love into your heart by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given you.

“... the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.” Romans 8:26-27 As we know, the saints are all of the believers in Christ. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for interceding for _____ at this time of great loss.

“Cast all your cares upon Him, because He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7 God is there for You, _____. He cares for you. He will comfort you.

When grey thread mars life’s pattern, and seems so out of line,
trust the Master Weaver, who planned the whole design.

I ask these things in the holy name of Jesus, that Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Amen.