

## Suggested Funeral Readings

The following are lists of Scriptures appropriate for use at Catholic Funeral Liturgies. The translation used by the Catholic Church in the USA is the **New American Bible translation**.

One reading is chosen from each the **Old Testament**, the **New Testament**, and the **Gospels**. (Other Scripture passages may be used on approval.)

The following pages contain recommended Scriptures with a sample of the text.

### **Old Testament Readings**

- **Genesis 9:8-17** "...This is the sign of the covenant I have established..."
- **2 Maccabees 12:43-46** "...he made atonement for the dead..."
- **Job 19: 1, 23-27** "...I know that my vindicator lives..."
- **Proverbs 31:10-12,15,20,25-26,28-31** "...the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised..."
- **Ecclesiastes 3:1-15** "...A time to be born, a time to die..."
- **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** "...A time to be born, a time to die..."
- **Wisdom 3:1-9** "...The souls of the just are in the hand of God..."
- **Wisdom 3:1-6,9** "...The souls of the just are in the hand of God..."
- **Wisdom 4:7-14** "The Righteous One, though he die early, shall be at rest..."
- **Sirach 2:1-11** "...in fire gold is tested....Compassionate is the Lord..."
- **Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9** "...he will destroy death forever..."
- **Isaiah 26:7-19** "...your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise..."
- **Isaiah 35:1-10** "...Here is your God, he comes with vindication..."
- **Isaiah 40:1-11** "...Here is your God, Here comes with power..."
- **Jeremiah 29:11-13** "...I know well the plans I have in mind for you..."
- **Lamentations 3:17-26** "...My portion is the Lord, says my soul..."
- **Ezekiel 34:11-16** "...I myself will search for my sheep..."
- **Ezekiel 37:12-14** "O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise..."
- **Daniel 12:1-3** "...the wise shall shine brightly..."
- **Micah 7:7-9** "...though I sit in darkness, the Lord is my light..."

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## New Testament Readings

- **Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43** "Everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins"
- **Acts of the Apostles 10:34-36,42-43** "Everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins"
- **Romans 5:1,5-11** "...We were reconciled to God through the death of his Son..."
- **Romans 5:17-21** "...through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all..."
- **Romans 6:3-9** "...if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall live with him..."
- **Romans 6:3-4,8-9** "...if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall live with him..."
- **Romans 8:1-11** "There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ..."
- **Romans 8:14-23** "Those who are led by the Spirit of God are Children of God"
- **Romans 8:31-35,37-39** "If God is for us, who can be against us?"
- **Romans 14:7-9,10-12** "This is why Christ died and came to life"
- **1 Corinthians 2:6-10** "Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard..."
- **1 Corinthians 15:12-20** "If there is no resurrection of the dead..."
- **1 Corinthians 15:20-28** "In Adam all die, so too if Christ shall all be brought to life."
- **1 Corinthians 15:51-57** "Death where is your victory?"
- **2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1** "The one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us..."
- **2 Corinthians 5:1,6-10** "We would rather leave the body and go home..."
- **Philippians 3:7-14** "...I run toward the prize to which God calls me..."
- **Philippians 3:20-21** "He will change our lowly body..."
- **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** "If we believe that Jesus died and rose..."
- **2 Timothy 2:8-13** "Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead..."
- **2 Timothy 4:1-2,6-8** "I have competed well, I have finished the race..."
- **1 John 3:1-2** "Beloved, we are God's children now..."
- **1 John 3:14-16** "We know that we have passed from death to life..."
- **Revelation 14:13** "...Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord..."
- **Revelation 20:11-12:1** "...The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades..."
- **Revelation 21:1-5a,6b-7** "...I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem..."

(Other New Testament Scripture passages may be used on approval.)

## Gospel Readings

- Matthew 5:1-12a "The Eight Beatitudes"
- Matthew 11:25-30 "Come to me . . . and I will give you rest."
- Matthew 25:1-13 "Look. The bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him"
- Matthew 25:31-46 "Come, you whom my Father has blessed"
- Mark 15:33-39 "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- Mark 15:33 --16:6 "Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last"
- Luke 7:11-17 "Young man, I say to you, arise."
- Luke 12:35-40 "Be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,..."
- Luke 23:33, 39-43 "Today you will be with me in paradise."
- Luke 23:44--24:6a "Father, I put my life in your hands."
- Luke 23:44-49 "Father into your hands I commend my spirit"
- Luke 24:13-35 "Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer..."
- Luke 24:13-16,28-35 "Were not our hearts burning within us..."
- John 5:24-29 "Whoever hears my word and believes has passed from..."
- John 6:37-40 "All who believe in the Son will have eternal life..."
- John 6:51-58 "All who eat this bread will live forever...."
- John 11:17-27 "I am the resurrection and the life."
- John 11:21-27 "I am the resurrection and the life."
- John 11:32-45 "Lazarus, come out."
- John 12:23-28 "If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies..."
- John 12:23-26 "If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies..."
- John 14:1-6 "There are many rooms in my Father's house."
- John 17:24-26 "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me..."

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