

## INTRODUCTION

Every Sunday we say: *I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting*, but nobody tells those of us who are left behind how to deal with the immense loss we feel when someone close to us dies. Our Catholic tradition has beautiful prayers and liturgies to help us grieve the loss of a loved one. When our own death occurs, we can help our loved ones with the transition by letting them know our thoughts and wishes for them to consider when planning the funeral. Of course there are other end of life considerations to be made: will, power of attorney, life insurance etc. It is our hope that the following worksheets will help you create a plan or offer suggestions to your loved ones at the time of your death.

The majority of the information found in this packet of materials is to help guide you to plan your funeral or memorial service with your family members and friends while you are still living. We encourage you to talk about these options with them. Hopefully, they will make your choices a part of the celebration of your life. You may also send a copy of the funeral or memorial service information to the parish, where it can be kept on file and available when it is needed.

This packet also contains a worksheet of important legal, financial, and estate planning information. Although it's not a binding document, it can guide you and your loved ones in making decisions about these options. Please remember that some decisions may require separate signed documents or notarization.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

**Christ, Prince of Peace Funeral Planning Worksheet**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Parents (include mother's maiden name): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Wedding Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Grandchildren: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information:

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### LEGALITIES

Identify location and date of will; and other legal documents: \_\_\_\_\_

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Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Next of Kin / Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriages/Divorces/Spouses: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctors: (include names and phone #) \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney / Will Preparer: (include names and phone #) \_\_\_\_\_

Power of Attorney: (include names and phone #) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a living will or medical directives? Where are the directives kept? \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Policies: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Accounts: (include names and phone #) \_\_\_\_\_

Safety Deposit Box: (location) \_\_\_\_\_

Executor of estate: (include names and phone #) \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Cards: (include names and phone #) \_\_\_\_\_

Pension Accounts: (include names and phone #) \_\_\_\_\_

Property / Real Estate: (include names and phone #) \_\_\_\_\_

Union & Federal Organizations: (include names and phone #) \_\_\_\_\_

ID and Passwords of online accounts: (emails, stores, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CARE OF THE BODY**

Organ Donation:                      Yes                      No  
If Yes - complete other required documents

Donate Body to Science:            Yes                      No  
If Yes - complete other required documents

Autopsy:                                \_\_\_\_\_ None unless legally required  
    \_\_\_\_\_ If it will benefit medical research  
Final decision regarding autopsy to be made by:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cremation:                              Yes                      No  
    \_\_\_\_\_ Before Visitation and Funeral  
    \_\_\_\_\_ After Visitation and Funeral

Attire for burial/cremation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jewelry or glasses: \_\_\_\_\_  
    \_\_\_\_\_ Remove for family  
    \_\_\_\_\_ Remove and donate  
    \_\_\_\_\_ Bury with body

**Funeral Home:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have Pre-Arrangements been made?                      Yes                      No

Visitation:                              Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorials:                              Memorial gifts might be used to support these  
    ministries and organizations:  
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**FUNERAL LITURGY**

Favorite Scripture Passages:

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Favorite Hymns:

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Favorite Prayers/Devotions:

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**Prayer and Vigil Service at the Funeral Home (or Church)**

Prayers After Death

Gathering in the Presence of the Body

Transfer of the Body to the Church or Closing of the Casket

**FUNERAL LITURGY (cont.)**

**Church:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Funeral Mass For: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Presiding Priest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Concelebrant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deacon: \_\_\_\_\_  
Musician/Organist: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cantor: \_\_\_\_\_

Pall Bearers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Placement of the Pall: \_\_\_\_\_  
(family members or friends) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Book of Life: \_\_\_\_\_  
(written name of the deceased, usually signed by the spouse or child)

Entrance Song: \_\_\_\_\_

Faith Reflection (eulogy):      Yes              No  
Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Liturgy of the Word**

Reading 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Reader: \_\_\_\_\_  
Psalm: \_\_\_\_\_ Cantor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reading 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Reader: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gospel: \_\_\_\_\_ Proclaimed by Priest or Deacon  
Homily: \_\_\_\_\_  
Intercessions: \_\_\_\_\_  
Read by: \_\_\_\_\_





**Suggestions for Funeral Music:**

Choose one from each category.

**Entrance Songs**

To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King	Be Not Afraid
Amazing Grace	City of God
Alleluia, Sing to Jesus	Blest Be the Lord
Though the Mountains May Fall	Here I Am Lord
Come, Now Almighty King	On Eagle's Wings
Come Christians Join to Sing	We are Called
You are Mine	Glory and Praise to Our God

**Psalms**

My Shepherd is the Lord	As the Deer Longs – Psalm 42
Taste and See	Blest Be the Lord
Shepherd Me O God	<i>To You O Lord</i>
<i>Be With Me</i>	Hosea
For You are My God	I Lift Up My Soul
You Are Near	All The Ends of the Earth
<i>The Lord is my Light (and my Salvation)</i>	<i>The Lord is Kind and Merciful</i>
Psalm 42	Psalm 23
Psalm 27	O God, You Search Me
Psalm 16	

**Preparation of the Gifts Songs**

Christ Be Beside Me	O Lord I am Not Worthy
Only A Shadow	Amazing Grace
Rain Down	Hosea (Come Back to Me)
We Are Many Parts	Precious Lord Take My Hand
Blest Are They	Earthen Vessels
Peace is Flowing	Seek Ye First
I have Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	The Summons
Prayer of St. Francis	Whatsoever You Do
Beautiful Savior	Where Charity and Love Prevail
How Can I keep from Singing?	

**Communion**

Abba Father	Servant Song
Let Us Break Bread Together	I Am the Bread of Life
Pan De Vida	Beautiful Savior
Take My Hands	One Bread, One Body
Eye Has Not Seen	We Remember
Taste and See	Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Shepherd of Souls in Love Come...	Bread Blessed and Broken
Panis Angelicus	Now We Remain
Song of the Body of Christ	Earthen Vessels

**Suggestions for Funeral Music (cont.):**

Choose one from each category.

**Song of Farewell**

Song of Farewell #  
O Loving God

Song of Farewell #  
Jesus, Remember Me

**Closing Hymn**

The Church's One Foundation  
For All the Saints  
Faith of Our Fathers  
Jerusalem, My Happy Home  
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee  
Shall We Gather at the River  
Holy God We Praise Thy Name  
Praise My Soul the King of Heaven  
Sing a New Song  
For All the Saints  
Battle Hymn of the Republic  
We will Rise Again

Amazing Grace  
A Mighty Fortress  
O God Our Help in Ages Past  
Let There Be Peace On Earth  
How Great Thou Art  
Lift High the Cross  
Though the Mountains May Fall  
Come Now Almighty King  
Eternal Father Strong to Save  
City of God  
They'll Know We Are Christians  
Lord of the Dance

**Other Songs**

In Ev'ry Age  
We Walk by Faith  
The Servant Song  
All I Ask of You

O God You Search Me  
Unless a Grain of Wheat  
Lord, You Have Come  
Ave Maria

**Irish Tunes**

O Loving God – Song of Farewell, to the tune of Danny Boy  
Irish Blessing  
Christ Be Beside Me  
Be Thou My Vision **or** Lord of All Hopefulness (same music with different texts)