

# prayer for our departed

Merciful Father,

On this day, we are called to remember those  
who have died,  
Particularly those who have died in the past year,  
And pray for their joyful reunion with you, their  
loving creator.

As your son taught us to call the stranger  
*neighbor*, our fallen are many—  
Names we will never know,  
Voices we have never heard,  
In lands we may never visit,  
Yet brothers and sisters all.  
And so we pray.

For victims of war, caught in the crossfires of  
conflicts we could not quell, for soldiers  
and civilians, adults and children, we pray ...

❖ ***Grant eternal rest, O Lord.***

For those migrants who have died seeking a  
haven where they hoped to find safety  
and opportunity for themselves and for  
their families, we pray ...

❖ ***Grant eternal rest, O Lord.***

For victims of hunger, denied their share in the  
bounty you have placed before us, we pray ...

❖ ***Grant eternal rest, O Lord.***

For victims of AIDS, Malaria, Ebola, and other  
infectious diseases, who died before  
adequate care could reach them, we pray ...

❖ ***Grant eternal rest, O Lord.***

For those refugees seeking asylum from war, who  
died in a land that was not their home, we  
pray ...

❖ ***Grant eternal rest, O Lord.***

For victims of emergencies and calamities  
everywhere, who died amid chaos and  
confusion, we pray ...

❖ ***Grant eternal rest, O Lord.***

Lord, as you command, we reach out to the fallen.  
We call on you on behalf of those we could not  
reach this year.

You raised your son from the dead  
That all may share in his joyful resurrection.  
In Jesus' name, we pray ...

❖ ***Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,  
Et lux perpetua luceat eis.  
Requiescant in pace.***

***Amen***