

ONE

**We pray for all who are buried
in this graveyard**

Draw all your children interred in this sacred ground
to the paradise you have prepared for him Lord.

Give them full stature in Christ in that place
where there are no tears

May they have eternal rest,
joy and peace with you.

Lord hear us.

TWO

We pray for those who mourn.

We pray for everyone in our community
who knows the pain of loss
and the heartbreak of bereavement.

Guide, comfort and console them Lord.

Be a source of strength, healing and hope
for each of them Lord.

Lord hear us.

THREE

**We pray for the people of this parish and
for all our loved ones who are buried elsewhere.**

Lord, we remember our loved ones
who are laid to rest elsewhere.

They are present in our minds and memory always.

Let them stand before you for eternity,
in light and eternal happiness.

Lord hear us.

FOUR

We pray for those whose graves are not identified.

Lord our country has had a long
and sometimes very troubled history.

We pray for those who have died of hunger,
disease, violence, war or neglect
whose final resting places are now unknown.

We pray most especially for those
who died when they were very young;
whose little bodies lay in unmarked
and unremembered places.

Nobody is overlooked by you Lord;
nobody is ever forgotten.

We pray that they would rest in peace.

Lord hear us.

FIVE

We pray for those who help us in our losses.

Lord when we are bereaved we rely on the goodness of people to help us through the pain and trauma.

Today we pray and give thanks
for our families, for our good neighbours
and for our close friends.

We pray for undertakers and gravediggers,
for community organizations and volunteers,
for the Gardaí and for the emergency services,
for priests and parish personnel,
for choirs and all who help us mourn with dignity.

We also sincerely pray for all who work in hospices,
hospitals and in the community;
For all who show your compassionate,
care and deep love to us in our pain.

Bless them Lord.

Lord hear us

SIX

Lord this evening, here in our village cemetery,
we remember those who have gone before us.

Their courage, commitment, generosity
and hard work built this parish in harder times.

We appreciate what they have given us,
the great legacy bequeathed us.

Let us in our own day Lord,
continue to create a parish and place
that is fitting and safe for new generations
of your people.

As we look back in appreciation,
we look forward with hope.

Be with us on our way Lord,
so that our steps lead to you.

For them, and for ourselves, we pray

Hail Mary, full of grace...