

# BEREAVED PERSONS' PRAYER

WE SEEM to give our loved ones back to you, Lord. You gave them to us. But just as you did not lose them in the giving, neither do we lose them in the return.

You don't give in the same way that the world gives. What you give you don't take away. You have taught us that what is yours is ours also, if we are yours.

Life is eternal, Lord, and your love is undying. And death is only a horizon. And a horizon is nothing but the limits of our sight.

Lift us up strong, Son of God, that we may see farther. Cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly. Draw us closer to yourself, that we may find ourselves closer to our loved ones who are with you.

And while you prepare a place for them, prepare us also for that happy place where you are and where we hope to be ... forever. Amen.