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CONSOLATION PRAYERS FOR LOSS OF A CHILD BEFORE BIRTH



Prayer to our Heavenly Father

O God, our Loving Father, as Your Son shed His Most Precious Blood for us while we were yet sinners, may we dare hope that You permit His Blood to redeem this little one guilty of no actual sin.

You Lord give and You take away. Blessed be your Holy Name.

May I respond with faith and even thanksgiving in this great sorrow.

Every baby you permit to be conceived is a blessing.

In my sorrow at the loss of this child, may I never lack gratitude for the awesome gift of even the shortest life. As earth has no sorrow which Heaven cannot heal, strengthen my hope in the workings of Your mercy for peace and abiding consolation in Heaven, where every tear shall be wiped away.

Prayer to Our Blessed Mother of Consolation

Virgin Mother Mary, you gazed with love on the Face of your Son after you wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and gazed upon Him crucified and before He was wrapped again in the shroud. He gave you the command, "Behold your son," and so for the beloved disciple you became the Mother. You are Mother for all Christians and

Mother too for the littlest ones. In your maternal love, please embrace this child I lost from this world; hug him for me who could not yet even hold him in my arms. Console him among the little ones who await their mothers with love and prayer. When I attend Holy Mass, attending the Holy Sacrifice of your Son, please allow me to remember the little ones drawn to Jesus as He is lifted up from the earth and feel the love of this little one as we gather in prayer.

Prayer to Most Sacred Heart of Jesus for the Little Ones

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, You commanded Your disciples, "Let the children come to Me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (*Matthew 19:14*).

I commend to Your Most Sacred Heart the soul of this my child. May s/he come to You for rest and peace after this short life. You have called my child home; may s/he approach the kingdom of Heaven. In Your Will is our peace. Your Will is Love and Mercy Itself. In this time of grief, may I still firmly trust in Your Love and humbly surrender to Your Holy Will. Amen.

Antiphon. Let us sing the song of the three holy children, * which they sang when they blessed the Lord in the midst of the burning fiery furnace. (*P.T. Alleluia.*)

Canticle of the Three

Young Men (Dan 3:57-88,56)

—*traditional rite for burial of a child*

3:57 All ye works of the Lord, bless the Lord: * praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

3:58 O ye angels of the Lord, bless the Lord: * O ye heavens, bless the Lord:

3:59 O all ye waters that are above the heavens, bless the Lord: * O all ye powers of the Lord, bless the Lord.

3:60 O ye sun and moon, bless the Lord: * O ye stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

3:61 O every shower and dew, bless ye the Lord: * O all ye spirits of God, bless the Lord.

3:62 O ye fire and heat, bless the Lord: * O ye cold and heat, bless the Lord.

3:63 O ye dews and hoar frosts, bless the Lord: * O ye frost and cold, bless the Lord.

3:64 O ye ice and snow, bless the Lord: * O ye nights and days, bless the Lord.

3:65 O ye light and darkness, bless the Lord: * O ye lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

3:66 O let the earth bless the Lord: * let it praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

3:67 O ye mountains and hills, bless the Lord: * O all ye things that spring up in the earth, bless the Lord.

3:68 O ye fountains, bless the Lord: * O ye seas and rivers, bless the Lord.

3:69 O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless the Lord: * O all ye fowls of the air, bless the Lord.

3:70 O all ye beasts and cattle, bless the Lord: * O ye sons of men, bless the Lord.

3:71 O let Israel bless the Lord: * let them praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

3:72 O ye priests of the Lord, bless the Lord: * O ye servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.

3:73 O ye spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord: * O ye holy and humble of heart, bless the Lord.

3:74 O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord: * praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

3:75 Let us bless the Father and the Son, with the Holy Ghost; * let us praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

3:56 Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven: * and worthy of praise, and glorious for ever.

Praise of God's Will

May the most just, the most high,
the most lovable Will of God
be in all things done, praised,
and magnified forever!

O Love,
O Great Love,
O Infinite Love of God!