

Lord Jesus Christ, Lord of life



Lord Jesus Christ,
Lord of life and conqueror of death,
look in compassion on all
whose life is drawing to its close.
As they pass
through the valley of the shadow of death
may they know that you are with them.
May they fear no evil.
May they give themselves to you
in trust and faith.
May they find peace and tranquillity
in your nearer presence,
and grant them
a place in your eternal kingdom,
now and for ever.

Heavenly Father,
to your loving care we commit all those
who watch and wait
with people they know and love.
Enable them to welcome
the moment of death
as friend, not foe,
knowing that all love in this life
flows from your love,
which is stronger than death itself,
as you have shown us
in the living, dying, and rising
of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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