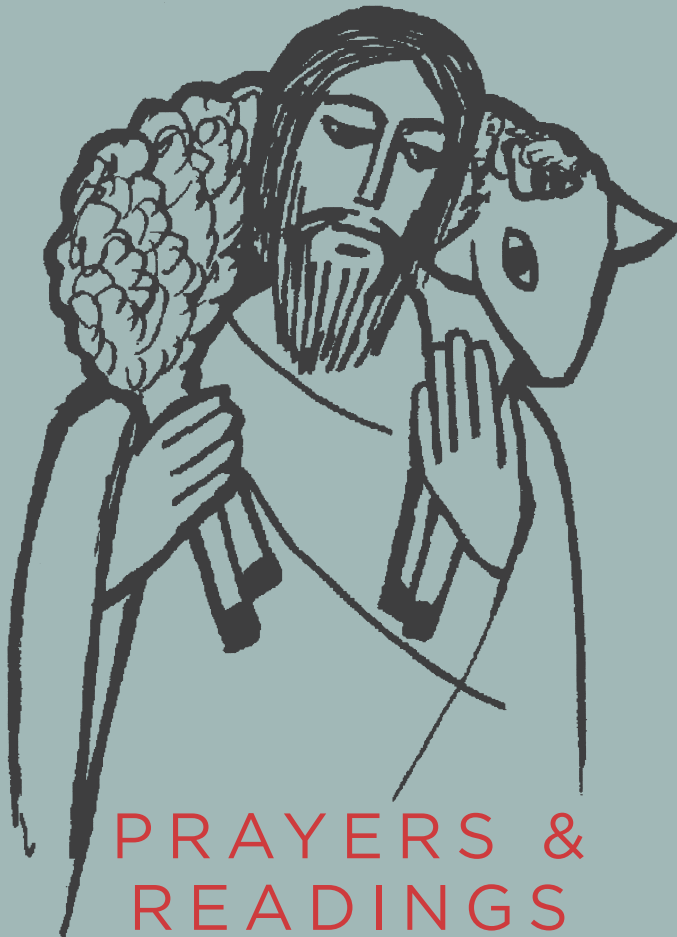


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# PRAYERS & READINGS

for use at the burial of an animal

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*(The following psalm may be used)*

Psalm 104: 1, 11-14, 26

Bless the Lord, my soul:  
O Lord my God, thou art great indeed,  
clothed in majesty and splendour.

You send springs into the gullies:  
which run between the hills;

They give drink to every beast of the field:  
and the wild asses quench their thirst.

Beside them the birds of the air build their nests:  
and sing among the branches.

You water the mountains  
from your dwelling on high:  
and the earth is filled by the fruits of your work.

Lord how various are your works:  
in wisdom have you made them all  
and the earth is full of your creatures.

A Short Bible Reading

(e.g. Isaiah 11: 1-9, Romans 8: 18-23,  
Colossians 1: 15-20, Revelation 4: 6b)-11.)

Minister: Let us pray.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
giver of life and breath,  
without whose knowledge  
not even a sparrow shall fall to the ground and die,  
we commend (name the animal) into your loving care,  
praying that your good purposes  
may be fulfilled in him.  
We ask this in the name of Him,  
who died to reconcile all things to You,  
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Minister: Almighty God,  
You make nothing in vain,  
and love all that You have made.  
Comfort all who grieve for this animal,  
and console them with the knowledge of your  
unfailing love;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(A little soil or water may be sprinkled on the grave of the animal)

Minister: Let us commend this animal to the love of God, the  
Father of all  
Heavenly Father, giver of life and source of all love,  
we give you thanks for (name animal),  
the friend and companion you gave us.  
May the love there has been between us  
live on in our greater reverence for all life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

Loving God, Creator of all,  
you look upon your world  
and, behold, it is very good.  
Look now on the life of this animal,  
which we remember before you,  
In your tender mercy  
fulfil in him your good and gracious Will  
for the sake of your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

May God, in his infinite love and mercy,  
bring the whole Creation  
to share in the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Amen.

# SUGGESTED FURTHER READING

## **Return to the Fold**

Prayers, Readings and Hymns for use following the death of animals

By Linda J Bodicoat

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Rose Cottage Publishing

Highfield Street

Earl Shilton

Leicestershire LE9 7HS

## **Animal Rites**

Liturgies of Animal Care

By Revd Professor Andrew Linzey

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## **Death of An Animal Friend**

Produced by the Society for Companion Animal Studies (SCAS)

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