

Funeral Scriptures

Scripture read at funerals or memorial services reflect our hope and trust in Jesus Christ and His promises to us. A funeral service often has three readings from the Holy Scriptures.. The pastor will want to know if you have favorite passages. The following are some possible selections of scripture for funeral services.

Old Testament Readings

Job 19:23-27 I know that my Redeemer lives
Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd
Psalm 27:1, 4-9a, 13-14 The Lord is my light and salvation
Psalm 42:1-7 As a deer longs for flowing streams
Psalm 46:1-7 God is our refuge and strength
Psalm 90 You have been our dwelling place in all generations
Psalm 103 Bless the Lord, O my soul
Psalm 118:5-9, 13-17, 19-20 God's steadfast love endures forever
Psalm 121 I lift up my eyes to the hills
Psalm 130 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord
Psalm 139:1-12 O Lord, you have searched me and known me
Psalm 142:1-6 With my voice I cry to the Lord
Psalm 143 Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications
Psalm 146 Praise the Lord, O my soul
Ecclesiastes 3:1-12 For everything there is a season
Isaiah 25:6-9 God will swallow up death forever
Isaiah 26:1-4, 19 God will keep them in perfect peace
Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31 Comfort, O comfort my people
Isaiah 41:10 Do not be afraid, for I am with you
Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5-7 I have called you by name, you are mine
Isaiah 44:6-8 I am the first and the last
Isaiah 49:13b-16a God will not forget you
Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13 Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters
Isaiah 61:1-3 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me
Isaiah 65:17-20, 23-25 I am about to create a new heaven ...
Isaiah 66:10-14 As a mother comforts her child
Jeremiah 31:8-31 I will turn their mourning into joy
Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 The ...love of the Lord never ceases
Joel 2:12-13, 23-24, 26-29 Turn to me with all your heart

New Testament Readings

Matthew 5:1-10 Blessed are those who mourn
Matthew 11:25-30 Come to me, all you who are weary
Mark 16:1-7 Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ
Luke 18:15-17 Baptized into Christ Jesus
Luke 24:1-9, 36-43 The resurrection of Christ
John 1:1-5, 9-14 The light shines in the darkness
John 3:16 For God so loved the world
John 6:37-40 I will raise them up on the last day
John 10:11-16 I am the good shepherd
John 10:27-29 My sheep hear my voice

John 11:21-27 I am the resurrection and the life
John 12:23-26 Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth
John 14:1-6, 25-27 In my Father's house are many rooms
John 20:30-31 That through believing you may have life in his name
Romans 5:1-11 God proves his love for us
Romans 6:3-9 We will be united with Him in a resurrection like His
Romans 8:26-27 The Spirit helps us in our weakness
Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 Who will separate us from the love of Christ
Romans 14:7-9 Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's
1 Cor. 15:12-26 Christ, the first fruits, has been raised from the dead
1 Corinthians 15:51-57 We will all be change in an instant
2 Corinthians 4:7-18 We have this treasure in clay jars
2 Cor. 5:1-8 A house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens
Ephesians 1:11, 2:1, 4-10 Saved by grace through faith
Philippians 3:20-21 Our citizenship is in heaven
1 Thess. 4:13-14, 18 We do not want you to be uninformed
Hebrews 12:1-2 We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses
1 Peter 1:3-9 A living hope through the resurrection
1 John 3:1-2 See what love the Father has given us
Revelation 1:17-18 Do not be afraid, I am the first and the last
Revelation 7:9-17 God will wipe away every tear
Revelation 14:13 Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord
Revelation 21:1-7 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth
Revelation 22:1-5 The Lord God will be their light