



Merciful Father, although you did not make death,
nor do you rejoice in the death of the living,
you freed us from death and promised a share in
your divine life by your Son's own suffering, death,
and rising from the dead. By the work of our hands
and by the special skills you have given us,
this casket was prepared for your child who died in faith.
Remembering our Holy Father Saint Benedict's
command to keep death daily before our eyes,
we ask you now to bless this casket.
Receive the soul of our departed brother or sister
who is laid in this humble bed as in a cradle,
safe in your care until the day of resurrection,
when we will all be reunited in the vision of your glory.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



God, our Father, you so loved the world that you gave us your only Son, so that everyone who believes in you might not die but might have eternal life. We rejoice in the victory of your Son over death: by rising from the tomb to new life, he gives us new hope and promise.

Bless this urn and bless the soul of our departed loved one whose ashes it will contain. Surround your child who died in faith with your love, mercy, and saving protection until our departed brother or sister is safely restored to you in eternal life where death will be no more. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.