

Prayers on the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh **9th April 2021**

Bible sentence

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

Prayer 1

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, we bless your holy name for all that you have given us in and through the life of Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

We give you thanks:

for his long and full life;

for his strength of character;

and for his devotion and service to family, nation and Commonwealth.

We praise you:

for his generosity;

for the many contributions he made to our national life;

and for the encouragement he gave to so many, especially to the young.

God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have made and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Prayer 2

Heavenly Father,

into whose hands Jesus Christ

commended his spirit at the last hour:

into those same hands we now commend your servant Philip,

that death may be for him

the gate to life and to eternal fellowship with you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer 3

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with your servant PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh, and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection: that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer 4

Most merciful God,

whose wisdom is beyond our understanding,

surround the Queen and the Royal Family with your love,

that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss,

but have confidence in your goodness,

and strength to meet the days to come.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.