



# *Matulaitis Home Remembers*

*Memorial Prayer Service*

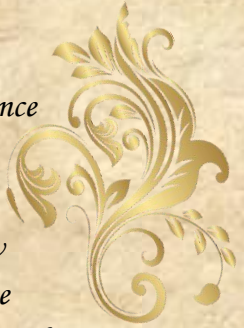
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*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*



# *A Memorial Remembrance*

## Opening Words

### Poem: “There Is No Light Without A Dawning”

by Helen Steiner Rice

### Hymn: “Nearer My God to Thee”

### Readings from Holy Scripture:

Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

Revelation 21:1-5

Revelation 21:9-10, 25; 22:3-5

### Hymn: “Amazing Grace”

### Remembrance Ceremony

### Communal Prayer

### Hymn: “In the Garden”

### Recovering Hope & Moving Forward:

A Message & Prayer for Those in Bereavement

### Blessing & the Lord’s Prayer

## “There Is No Light Without A Dawning”

by Helen Steiner Rice

There is no light without a dawning

No winter without a spring

And beyond the dark horizon

Our hearts will once more sing...

For those who leave us for a while

Have only gone away

Out of a restless, careworn world

Into a brighter day



## ***Recovering Hope & Moving Forward:***

### **A Message and Prayer for Those in Bereavement**

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, anniversaries and holidays – especially the first of each after a death – can be particularly hard to experience. As we journey through our goodbyes, and then those moments that remind us again of our loss, poignantly stirring up our grief afresh, we are also reminded in these moments that love endures and goes on, despite all the feelings of grief inside us. We go on, trusting in the promise and hope of the Resurrection, even as we bear our sorrow and grief, the ache of our loss.

The human spirit is astounding in its resiliency and its ability to recover hope. We recall these words of Scripture that give voice to a heart in grief: “My soul is downcast. But this I will call to mind, therefore I will hope: the Lord’s acts of mercy are not exhausted, God’s compassion is not spent; they are renewed each morning – great is Your faithfulness! The Lord is my portion, I tell myself, therefore I will hope in the Lord” (Lamentations 3:20-24).

Nothing can make these moments easy, but prayer can offer a path to walk through these days with greater peace and opportunities for healing and hope.

## ***Communal Prayer***

**Leader:** *God of Mercy and Compassion,  
We pray for those loved ones named here today,  
and for those whose memories we carry  
in our hearts, whose presence we so dearly miss.*

*Open our hearts and minds  
to the healing and warmth  
of the light of Your presence.*

**All:** *Open our hearts to joyful memories  
of the love we shared  
with those who have gone before us.*

*Teach us to lean on each other,  
and on You, O Lord,  
for the strength we need  
to walk through difficult times.*

*You Who promise to be near to those  
who call upon You, and to be close to  
the brokenhearted: Be with us, Lord,  
and hold us in Your arms  
even as You hold those  
who have gone before us.*

*Help us to trust that one day  
we shall be with those we love  
when Your mercy gathers us together  
in the joy of the life You promise us. Amen.*

Prayer based on Fr. Austin Fleming's "Prayer for Those Who Are Grieving..." <https://concordpastor.blogspot.com/>

