

Prayers on hearing of the death of the Duke of Edinburgh

These prayers could be led by a minister or another person, in church or in a household, online or in person, as part of a service or as a freestanding time of prayer.

The leader may use some or all of these words. Free prayer may be offered.

In this moment of sorrow the Lord is in our midst
and consoles us with his word:
No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him.

Blessed are the sorrowful; they shall be comforted.

Into your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our brother Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.
In this life you embraced him with your tender love,
and opened to him the gate of heaven.
The old order has passed away,
as you welcome him into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain,
but the fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

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.

All **Amen.**

Remember, O Lord,
your servant Philip,
who has gone before us with the sign of faith
and now rests in the sleep of peace.
According to your promises,
grant to him and to all who rest in Christ,
refreshment, light and peace;
through the same Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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 Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**