

A Prayer for Comfort

Father , you have taken my spouse
home to you,
We were created by you
in order to return to you,
and for a portion of this journey,
we were side-by-side.

We shared joys and sorrows,
happiness and difficulty.
It was beautiful, though not always easy.
I thank you for all of it.

Now, my spouse has gone and
I am left alone.
Give him eternal joy,
and give me the strength to say,
thy will be done.

And allow us to one day to find each other
again in our eternal homeland.

Mary, solace of the afflicted, pray for us.

“Widowhood, accepted bravely, as a continuation of the marriage vocation, should be esteemed by all.” (The Vatican II document Gaudium et spes, 48).

Prayer to St. Jude

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as a patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone.

Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and suffering particularly, (request here).

And that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.

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please contact our Parish Office.

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Widows'/Widowers' Ministry

St. Jude Mission Statement

“We, the community of St. Jude, commit ourselves to Jesus Christ our Savior, His teachings and the Tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we embrace and nurture our culturally diverse community through worship, evangelization, renewal and service.”

About Our Ministry

Mission/Vision

To find purpose and meaning to life as a widow/widower.

To develop and grow in a personal relationship with God.

To establish a support system of widows/widowers seeking new avenues of Christian Service.

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS

Purpose

To meet the spiritual needs of men/women who have lost their spouse to death.

Goals/Objectives

Support widows/widowers and families of the deceased.

Provide each member physical, emotional and spiritual support.

Study God's Word.

Hold short prayer/spiritual guidance sessions whenever the need arises.

Meet regularly.

Have social gatherings.
(Dinner/Lunch/TV night/Theatre, etc.)

Support our Pastor by sending remembrance cards in a timely manner acknowledging the spouse's death.

Work collaboratively with the Bereavement Ministry as needed.

