



From the Chair of the South East District, the Revd Dr David Hinchliffe:

The Death of Her Majesty the Queen

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A short while ago the news was announced of the death of Her Majesty the Queen. Her Majesty. Through her seventy year reign has been a constant in our lives. She has been an example of steadfast service and duty. She was also an example of Christian discipleship, as she sought to live out her faith in the ministry to which God had called her. Today we grieve the passing of our Sovereign lady, Queen Elizabeth. Today we give thanks to God for her witness and service to the Church, the nation and the world.

Today we also pray for His Majesty the King, Charles, and for Camilla, Queen Consort, and for all the members of the Royal Family. We pray for them in their grief. We pray that they will know God's strength in these days. And we pray especially for His Majesty the King, as he takes on the role of Sovereign. May God give him wisdom and peace for all that is to come.

We pray too for our nation, that in these days of loss, we may be inspired by the example of Her Majesty, to our own works of service and our commitment to the common good.

And so this evening, in our loss, so we pray:

God save the King.

Prayers

For Her Majesty the Queen:

Go forth upon your journey, Christian soul,
In the name of God the Father
who created you;
In the name of Jesus Christ
who suffered for you;
In the name of the Holy Spirit
who strengthens you;
in communion with all the blessed saints,
with angels and archangels
and with all the heavenly host.
May you rest in peace
And may the city of God
Be your enteral dwelling. Amen

(The Methodist Worship Book, p.431)

A prayer of thanksgiving on the death of Her Majesty the Queen

Creator God,
We give thanks for the life of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.
We honour her life of service built on a firm foundation of faith and an exemplary commitment to duty.
Comfort those who mourn and bring peace to those in distress.
We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen. (www.methodist.org.uk)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Let us give thanks for the victory of Christ over death:
Glory and thanks be given to you,
almighty God, our Father,
because in your great love for the world
you gave your Son to be our Saviour.
He lived our life, bore our griefs,
and died our death upon the Cross.
We thank you that you have brought him back
from death with power and great glory,
that he has conquered sin and death,
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Father of all, we give you thanks and praise.

Let us give thanks for the noble life and witness of our late Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth:
Eternal God, we praise you for your
goodness and mercy that followed your servant,
Elizabeth, all the days of her life,
and for her faithfulness in the tasks
to which you called her.
Father of all, we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that for your loving servant
the tribulations of this world are over and death is past,
and we pray that you will bring us
with her to the joy of your perfect kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us ask for God's blessing in our time of mourning and grief:
God of comfort and grace,
draw near to all who mourn
the passing of your servant, Elizabeth, our Queen;
and grant to her successor, and all the Royal family,
the gift of your peace and the strength of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us ask for God's guidance in our future together:
Grant us, O God, in all our duties your help,
in all our perplexities your guidance,
in all our dangers your protection,
and in all our sorrows your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**