

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK – RITES OF ANOINTING AND VIATICUM

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

(A)

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of God the almighty Father, who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for you, in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you, go forth, faithful Christian.

May you live in peace this day, may your home be with God in Zion, with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with Joseph, and all the angels and saints.

(B)

I commend you, my dear brother/sister, to almighty God, and entrust you to your Creator. May you return to him who formed you from the dust of the earth. May holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints come to meet you as you go forth from this life. May Christ who was crucified for you bring you freedom and peace. May Christ who died for you admit you into his garden of paradise. May Christ, the true Shepherd, acknowledge you as one of his flock. May he forgive all your sins, and set you among those he has chosen. May you see your Redeemer face to face, and enjoy the vision of God for ever.

Amen.

Whenever anyone visited Fr. Charlie, he would request that these two prayers be read over him as they departed. They became a great source of comfort to him. Everyone that I talked to who had the opportunity to read these prayers for him received many more graces than you can imagine.

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