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To live in hearts we leave, is not to die.
Thomas Campbell
Hope is grief's best music.
Proverb
Between grief and nothing I will take grief.
William Faulkner

Praying Our Goodbyes

An Invitation

The constant cacophony of happiness during the approaching holiday season on radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, and the inevitable get togethers with family and friends, sadly reminds many people of what they have lost or never had.

The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the gut wrenching loss of a child, the loneliness of no longer having a beloved spouse to share each day, the loss of a dear family pet – any of these can lead to “feeling blue” while the society around us seems to demand that we be happy and celebrate.

When this happens, making the space and taking the time to acknowledge our sadness and concern can help. And we need to know that we are not alone.

As All Saints Day and All Souls Day approach, Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church invites you at **5pm. on Sunday, October 30, 2005** to worship with us, sharing and hearing prayers, Scripture and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle – and God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness bringing new hope and life.

The musical accompaniment during the service will be Gabriel Faure's Requiem presented by the Saint Michael & All Angels Friends of Music. Following the service we will rededicate our recently refurbished Memorial Garden of the Good Shepherd and then serve light refreshments in our parish center.

Please accept this invitation to be with us – a time to move from feeling 'blue' to anticipating the wonder and hope of Advent and Christmas. No need to RSVP – our doors will be open to all who come, so please invite others.

With Love in Grace,

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For the *Praying Our Goodbyes* Committee