

# PERSONAL FUNERAL PLANNER

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

It is helpful to prepare for a funeral prior to a death in the family. At the time of death, difficult decisions must be made quickly, and often under the stress of grief and sorrow. This form has been developed to enable the pastor and your family to take your wishes into consideration during the planning process.

When completed, this form should be given to your pastor to be kept with your records in the church office. You may want to keep a second copy at your home in a reasonably accessible place.

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*One of my fondest memories is:*

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**Do you wish to have memorial gifts mentioned in your obituary?**

**For:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Some pall bearers I would like to have asked are:**

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**I would like the pastor to arrange my funeral service with the following suggestions in mind regarding:**

Organ Music: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hymns \* \_\_\_\_\_

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Poetry or Readings: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Scripture to be Read \***

Old Testament: \_\_\_\_\_

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New Testament: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you desire a funeral (with your casket present) or a memorial service (without your casket present)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Locations of the funeral / memorial / graveside services:**

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Grave Side: \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferences as to Funeral Home:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Choice of cemetery:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you own a lot?** \_\_\_\_

**Location description:** \_\_\_\_\_

***The final thought I would like to leave my family and friends with is:***

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- A Mighty Fortress (#110)
- Abide with Me (#700)
- All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (#154)
- Amazing Grace (#378)
- Be Still My Soul (#534)
- Be Thou My Vision (#451)
- Because He Lives (#364)
- Come, Christians Join To Sing (#158)
- Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above (#709)
- Faith of Our Fathers (#710)
- For All the Saints (#711)
- For the Beauty of the Earth (#92)
- God of Grace and God of Glory (#577)
- Great Is Thy Faithfulness (#140)
- He Leadeth Me (#128)

Here I Am, Lord (#593)  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God, Almighty (#64)  
How Blest Are They Who Trust in Christ (#654)  
How Great Thou Art (#77)  
Hymn of Promise (#707)  
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (#89)  
Let There Be Peace on Earth (#431)  
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (#384)  
O God, Our Help in Ages Past (#117)  
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (#430)  
Precious Lord, Take My Hand (#474)  
Rejoice in God's Saints (#708)  
Rock of Ages (#361)  
Soon and Very Soon (#706)  
Steal Away to Jesus (#704)  
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (#703)  
This is a Day of New Beginnings (#383)

### ***Suggested Scripture Readings***

Here are some Bible passages often read at funerals to bring hope and comfort. You could select one or more of these, or any other scriptures that have brought inspiration to you.

#### **Psalm 23**

*The LORD is my shepherd... Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever...*

#### **Psalm 27**

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?... Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage...*

#### **Psalm 77**

*I consider the days of old, and remember the years of long ago... I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD; I will remember your wonders of old...*

#### **Psalm 84**

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts... Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise...*

#### **Psalm 90**

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations... So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart...*

#### **Psalm 118**

*O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!*



**Psalm 121**

*I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth...*

**Psalm 126**

*May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy...*

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; ... a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance...*

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 10-11**

*The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me...to comfort all who mourn...*

**Lamentations 3:17-26**

*My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is... But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness...*

**Matthew 5:1-11**

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted...*

**Matthew 25:34-40**

*Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...*

**John 14:1-7, 15-17, 27**

*In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?... Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid...*

**John 15:8-14**

*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends...*

**John 16:12-22**

*I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now... So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you...*

**Romans 5:1-5**

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**Romans 8:18, 31-39**

*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord...*

**First Corinthians 15:20-22, 49-58**

*For as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ... Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? ... Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain...*

**Second Corinthians 5:1-9, 16-21**

*For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens... So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

*I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit...*

**Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17**

*Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful...*

**Revelation 21:1-7**

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth... God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away...*

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