Prayer of Remembrance

November 11, 2017

Anniversary of the Death of Catherine McAuley

Leader:  Blessed be our God of Mercy.
         Blessed be our God of everlasting life.

         All:  Blessed be the waters that brought us to birth in Christ Jesus.
         Blessed be the light that guides us on our way.
         Blessed be all whose lives witness to us their faith and trust in God.

Song: Refrain to “We Remember” by Marty Haugen or another song of remembrance

Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Through baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might live a new life. If we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with him.

We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, will never die again; death has no more power over him.

Song: Refrain to “We Remember” by Marty Haugen or another song of remembrance

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Leader: As we observe the anniversary of Catherine McAuley’s death, we remember our sisters, associates, companions, family members, ministry colleagues and benefactors who have shaped their lives by faith in God and service to others.
Leader: Mary of Nazareth, Mary Magdalen, Mary and Martha of Bethany, Catherine McAuley, Frances Warde [add any names you would like to mention], we pray:

   All: We are yours for time and eternity.

Leader: [Each Community/Area can insert their own names.] We pray:

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Leader: You are invited to share any remembrances of these women who shared Catherine McAuley’s commitment to the poor, suffering and uneducated.

TIME FOR SHARING

Closing Prayer:

Leader: God of mercy, we thank you for these women who trusted that you would be with them in life and in death. By their generous service they have been loving disciples and have marked out for us the path of Mercy.

   All: Amen.

Leader: We praise you O God, who in your tender love, asked them to return home to you. Give comfort to all who mourn their passing from our midst, for we believe that you will raise us all on the last day.

   All: Amen.

Leader: May the Mercy of God enfold them, and the love of God surround them. May they be our companions on our way, until we meet face to face in God. We ask this in faith, we who are yours for time and eternity.

   All: Amen.
Closing Song:

**Suscipe of Catherine McAuley**

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God I am yours for time and eternity. Lord, I am yours forever. It’s you that must teach me to trust in your providence, loving Lord. You are a God of love and tenderness, I put my faith in you (O Lord) and I ask that you grant me acceptance of your plan, O loving Lord.

Take from my heart all painful anxiety, Let nothing sadden me but sin, And let my delight be hoping to see your face, God, my all. My

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