

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen



Blessing

Pastor: Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed!

Beautiful Savior

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Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Carolyn Rae Johnson

Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through His servant Carolyn Rae Johnson.

Carolyn was given life by her Creator and was born on December 17, 1946, the child of Elmer and Almeda Swanson. She was baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. She was also confirmed in the Christian faith and regularly received the life-giving body and blood of Jesus.

On November 28, 1964, she received the gift of a beloved companion in her spouse, Gerald Elon Johnson. She was blessed with the gift of children: Jerry, Deanna, and Joel. God also blessed Carolyn with many special people as she served God in vocations at home, church, work, and in the community. Gerald preceded her in death on April 3, 2023, in Camden, South Carolina.

Carolyn completed high school in June 1981 via the Anne Arundel County, Maryland adult education program and in the late 1980's attended Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, graduating in May 1989 with an Associate of Arts in Office Administration. In South Carolina she worked as an activities coordinator for Springdale Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, employed from 1997-2003 and subsequently as a volunteer for several years.

Carolyn was an active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church of Camden, SC, where she attended and served the senior community for more than a quarter century beginning in 1997.

In Camden, Carolyn was tireless in her efforts working for the Council on the Aging, Breast Cancer Awareness, Relay for Life, and assorted other volunteer efforts for seniors. In 2014 she was recognized as Volunteer of the Year for the State of South Carolina. She was a skilled craftswoman who used her skills in sewing, knitting, crocheting, and decorating in her volunteer work as well as in making things for her home.

In all matters of work, faith and family, Carolyn was respected for her 25 years as a Coast Guard wife and for her dedication in serving the military community.

Finally, on June 16, 2024, at the age of 77 years and 191 days, Carolyn was blessed by God through death and was taken home to rest in the arms of Jesus to await the resurrection of the dead. Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years Gerald, a half-sister Marge and half-brother George from Duluth, Minnesota, as well as both of her parents. She is survived by her three children Jerry (Carrie) Johnson, Deanna (Craig) Claybaugh, and Joel Johnson. Carolyn has seven grandsons, Chad (Beth) Claybaugh, Bradley (Marisol) Johnson, Trent Claybaugh, Jeremy Johnson, Thomas Johnson, James Johnson, Zachary Johnson, and one great-granddaughter Naomi Claybaugh.

The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord. We give thanks to God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior for our sister Carolyn.

Gifts in memory of Carolyn and/or Gerald Johnson may be made to the Kershaw County Council on Aging, 906 Lyttleton St., Camden, SC 29020.

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To the Glory of God and in Memory of

Carolyn Rae Johnson

December 17, 1946 - June 16, 2024



Photo Memories

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Jesus Christ, says, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Jesus knows what it means to mourn. As the shortest passage in Scripture tells us plainly, "Jesus wept."

Prayer

Let us pray through our tears:
Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Come near to us as we mourn for Carolyn and wipe away the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought Carolyn to faith. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word, and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all the saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

The LORD Is My Refuge *Psalm 91:1-2 (NIV)*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Our Problem & God's Solution

All have sinned and are not good enough for God's glory. *Romans 3:23 NCV*

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 6:23 NIV*

Jesus gives us this comfort: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." *John 11:25-26 NIV*

Lord I Need You

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Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

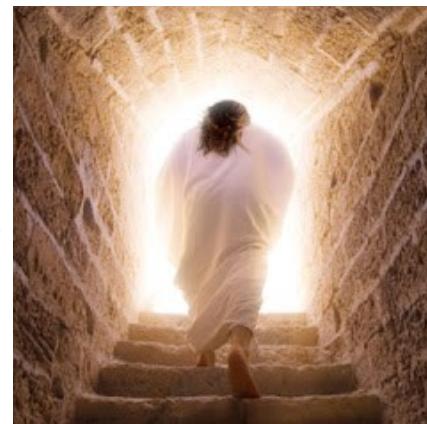
Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me *Chorus*

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay *Chorus*

My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You *Repeat*

Prayer

O God of love and peace, you bring us through suffering and death with our Lord Jesus Christ to enter with him into heaven. We remember and give thanks for your servant Carolyn. We thank you for giving her to us to know and love. Give us strong faith and the sure and certain hope of the resurrection when we shall meet in heavenly joy and glory, through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Scripture

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (NIV)

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." *John 14:1-6 (NIV)*

Message: *She's Arrived*

Prayer

God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Goodness Of God

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I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God *Chorus*

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me *Chorus*

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

Prayer

Father of mercy and Lord of Life, the spirits of those who depart in the faith live with You. We thank You for the blessings of body and soul which you gave to Carolyn. Above all we rejoice in Your gracious promise to all your servants, both living and departed, that we shall be raised from death at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.