

**The Following Collect, Epistle & Gospel was read during the Requiem Mass held today in the personal Chapel of the Presiding Archbishop of the Australian Church of Antioch, The Most Reverend Frank Bugge.**

### **The Collect**

We pray O Lord, that in your name we might be brought to a junction of spiritual advancement, and that we will show the wisdom to select the path that you would have us tread, we ask this through the love of the Christed One. Amen.

Almighty God, who hast dominion over the living and the dead, we pray that our friend Norma and any others here today who are dead to this physical world may find peace as they tread their path of evolution guided by the love of our Christed Lord. Amen.

We also pray that the loved ones left behind may be given strength to bear the temporary loss of the departed, we pray that they be given the surety that one day we shall all come together again and be one with you and the cosmos you created, we ask this trusting in the knowledge and love of the Christed One. Amen.

Almighty God from whom all hearts be opened, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy Holy name; through The Christ our Lord. Amen.

Teach us O God to see Thy life in all the people of Thine earth, and so guide the nations into the understanding of Thy laws, that peace and goodwill may reign upon earth through The Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Epistle is adapted from the Book of Corinthians**

Behold I show you a mystery; there is a natural body and a spiritual body. So when this mortal shall have put on immortality by leaving this mortal coil, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory. God has given us this victory of eternal life, and know ye that you shall be ever under the mantle and love of The Holy One.

**Here Endeth the Epistle.**

### **The Gospel is from the words of Bishop Raymond**

My friends the bodily form which you have known till now to be our friend Norma is no longer she. This truly has been but the overcoat in which our friend resided during her stay on earth. Do not yearn for her to be back here with us, for this in truth is selfishness in our desire to have this person's company. Instead let us send our love as a carriage upon which the spirit of our departed friend may ride forward to do the will of God and fulfil her destiny. By all means remember our friend with fondness, but always with the wish that she be forever happily moving forward in his evolution. Take comfort from the words of Jesus when he said: WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE. This was and is the promise of The Christed One, a promise which will never be out of date.

**Praise be to Thee O Christ.**