

# WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE



Thank you for coming here to give thanks for the life of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh

Here are some prayers you might like to use:

God of our lives,  
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,  
for the love he shared among us,  
and for his devotion to duty.  
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,  
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

Merciful God, be close to all who mourn,  
especially The Queen and all members of the Royal Family.  
May they know the hope of your promises  
and the comfort of your love,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal God, we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,  
founder of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.  
We remember his vision and imagination,  
his interest in young people and his support for them.  
Inspire us with the same commitment  
to serve friend, neighbour, and stranger alike,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Loving God,  
We are sad that Prince Philip has died.  
Thank you for his long life  
and for his care for The Queen and our country.  
Amen.

### **A prayer of thanksgiving**

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, we bless your holy name for all that you  
have given us in and through the life of Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

We give you thanks: for his long and full life; for his strength of character;  
and for his devotion and service to family, nation and Commonwealth.

We praise you for: his generosity; the many contributions he made to our  
national life; and the encouragement he gave to so many, especially to the  
young.

Accept our thanks and praise, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayers of commendation

Eternal God,  
Creator of the universe and Lord of all life,  
we have come together to remember  
the life of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.  
We give thanks for his long life,  
for the love that he received from you and showed among us.  
We recall with gratitude his devotion to duty,  
his service in the Royal Navy  
and his support for many causes.  
Now we pray that he may know the joys of your everlasting kingdom,  
where sorrow and pain are no more.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

God our creator and redeemer, by your power Christ conquered death and returned to you in glory. Confident of his victory and claiming his promises, we entrust your servant Philip into your keeping in the name of Jesus our Lord, who, though he died, is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with the saints:  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.  
You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all: and we are mortal,  
formed from the dust of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so  
you ordained when you created me, saying: 'Dust you are and to dust you  
shall return.' All of us go down to the dust, yet weeping at the grave, we  
make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with the saints:  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting. *Orthodox Kontakion for the Departed*

## **Prayers for those who mourn**

Father of all mercies and God of all consolation, you pursue us with untiring love and dispel the shadow of death with the bright dawn of life. Give courage to The Queen and the Royal Family in their loss and sorrow. Be their refuge and strength, O Lord; reassure them of your continuing love and lift them from the depths of grief into the peace and light of your presence. Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life. Your Holy Spirit, our comforter, speaks for us in groans too deep for words. Come alongside your people, remind them of your eternal presence and give them your comfort and strength. Amen.

Merciful God, be close to all who mourn,  
especially at this time,  
to the Queen and all members of the Royal Family.  
May they know the hope of your promises  
and the comfort of your love,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Support us, O Lord, all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen. *John Henry Newman*