

**Merciful and loving God,
in this place we prayerfully remember our beloved dead.
You first gave them to us; now we return them again to you.
Keep them in the eternal life first promised us in baptism.
Renew your blessing on this grave by our sprinkling of holy water.**

**Guide us who remain in the days ahead.
Increase our trust in you.
Keep us safe from harm.
Support us in times of sadness.
Ease our suffering.**

**And when your call comes,
unite us again in the kingdom of your love where parting is no more
and every tear is wiped away.**

Sprinkle the Holy Water and say:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

**May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

**St Michael's Parish
Blessing of Graves Prayer
Sunday, 6 September 2020**

