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**Our Queen Elizabeth II is dead.  
She died at 4.30pm on Thursday  
8<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Prince Charles is our New  
King and he has taken the  
name KING CHARLES III**



Buckingham Palace official confirmed the Queen's death. The Queen passed away peacefully at Balmoral on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022, afternoon, with her son, Prince Charles, and her only daughter, Princess Anne. Prince Charles is our new King and has taken the name King Charles III. Charles was born at Buckingham Palace on 14 November 1948, the first child of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip who had married almost exactly a year before.

**Statement from Archbishop John Wilson,  
Archbishop of Southwark  
on the Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

The announcement of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is a cause of great sadness for her beloved family, for the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth, and all people of goodwill. We give thanks to Almighty God for Her Majesty's life of unflinching dedication and the outstanding example of Her Majesty's service, faithful unto death. As a devoted disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, Her Majesty witnessed to the Gospel of God's love for all people and worked tirelessly to strengthen harmony, to defend justice and to promote peace. We now pray for the repose of her soul, remembering the promise of Christ, who is the Resurrection and the life: 'I am with you always, even until the end of time.' (Mt 28:20) May Her Majesty rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for our King, for the Queen Consort and for all the Royal Family at this time of bereavement. We offer to them our deepest sympathy and condolence. Let us also pray for our United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, grateful to God for Queen Elizabeth II's remarkable life and selfless commitment to the promises she made at her Coronation. Her Majesty has been a part of all our lives and we shall miss her deeply. We beseech you Almighty God, that your servant Elizabeth, who by your mercy received the government

of this realm, and who dedicated her life entirely to the service of her people, may now rest from her labours in the peace of Christ which surpasses all understanding. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Bishops' Conference Vice President gives thanks for  
The Queen's lifetime of service**

Friday, September 9th, 2022 @ 10:04 am  
The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool and Vice President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has issued the following statement on the death of Queen Elizabeth II:

"I am deeply saddened to hear the news about the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I pray for the repose of her soul and for all the members of the Royal Family at this time of sorrow. "On 21 April 1947, her 21st birthday, in a speech broadcast on the radio from Cape Town, the then Princess Elizabeth dedicated her life to the service of the Commonwealth saying, 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong'. "Today we give thanks for that lifetime of service to our country and for her leadership of the Church of England during her 70 year reign. The celebrations we witnessed earlier this year for her Platinum Jubilee show how much respect and love people had for her. "She will be remembered for her dedication, strength, warmth and her pride in our country. "May this good and faithful servant rest in the peace of the Risen Lord."

**Following the announcement of the death of Her Majesty  
The Queen on 8 September 2022, Cardinal Vincent  
Nichols paid tribute to Her Majesty:**

On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.' Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unfailing way in which she fulfilled that declaration.

Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity.

In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, 'To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'

This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.

Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation.

Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace.

We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother.

God save the King.

**The following prayers for Her Majesty The Queen and  
the Royal Family will be distributed to all Catholic  
parishes and communities in the dioceses of England  
and Wales.**

**For the happy repose of HM The Queen**

Almighty God,  
You are the author and sustainer of all human life;  
grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen,  
whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of  
these lands  
may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life  
promised to all those born again  
in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
God, forever and ever,

**Amen.**

Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord,  
And let Perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.  
Amen.

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Amen**

**Psalm 121 – A Song of Ascents**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.  
May he never allow you to stumble!  
Let him sleep not your guard.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard.  
The Lord your guard and your shade;  
at your right side he stands.  
By day the sun shall not smite you,  
nor the moon in the night.  
The Lord will guard you from evil;  
he will guard your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going and coming,  
both now and forever.

**Canticle of Simeon**

*(Luke 2:29-32)*

At last, all-powerful Master,  
you give leave to your servant  
to go in peace, according to your promise.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation  
Which you have prepared for all nations,  
The light to enlighten the Gentiles  
And give glory to Israel, your people.

**Prayer for the Royal Family**

Almighty God, source of all consolation,  
we pray for the members of the Royal Family who mourn the  
loss  
of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.  
Uphold them in your love  
and pour out on them the consolation of your healing Spirit.  
Let them find in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ  
comfort in their sadness,  
certainty in their doubt  
and courage to live through this hour.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord

**Amen.**

**Prayer for the King**

O God, to whom every human power is subject,  
Grant to your servant His Majesty the King  
wisdom in the exercise of his high office,  
so that, always revering to you and striving to please you,  
he may constantly secure and preserve  
for the people entrusted to his care  
the freedom that comes from unity and peace.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
God, forever and ever,

**Amen.**

