**A Prayer of Thanksgiving for the life of The Duke of Edinburgh**

God of eternal life and love

We give thanks today for the life and witness of Philip, Duke of Edinburgh,

For his service in pursuit of peace as a naval officer,

For his service to the Queen as a wise counsellor and companion,

For his commitment in marriage for over seventy years in witness to mutual respect and love,

For his commitment to nurturing family and guiding with wisdom their growth and development,

For his encouragement of young people around the world to skill development, physical health, adventure, and service through the Duke of Edinburgh Award,

For his care and advocacy for all of creation

For a life lived selflessly in service to others.

We remember with thanksgiving and commit him into Your keeping this day

in the sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

**A Prayer for all who are bereaved**

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and

courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come

with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those

without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great

goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with

those they love. And this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ

our Saviour. **Amen.**