

Bestattung für ein totgeborenes Kind (in englischer Sprache)

Dear parents and friends  
We gather here in grief and pain.  
In this moment there is no understanding.  
Only the emptiness of sorrow and loss.  
Your child has died before it came to life.  
We have to say goodbye  
before we had the opportunity to say hello.

Let us pray

God  
We are overwhelmed by the mystery of life and death  
that we have experienced.  
We still can not understand why this happened to us.

In the midst of many questions  
and our lack of understanding  
we want to believe in your endless love –  
we want to believe  
that you are a God of compassion and love  
and also a Father who lost his son  
and therefore understands us.

We ask you God  
– as we have to let go -  
enfold this baby in your eternal care and love.  
Grant to us now the assurance  
that this child is embraced by your arms of love.

(Rosenblätter)

I invite you to say goodbye while covering the coffin with these rose petals.

The rose petals reminded me of the following poem  
I'd like to read:

The world may never notice  
If a Snowdrop doesn't bloom,  
Or even pause to wonder  
If the petals fall too soon.  
But every life that ever forms,  
Or ever comes to be,  
Touches the world in some small way  
For all eternity.

The little one we long for  
Was swiftly here and gone.  
But the love that was then planted  
Is a light that still shines on.

And though our arms are empty,  
Our hearts know what to do.  
For every beating of our hearts  
Says that we love you.

Let us pray:  
Merciful God we ask you  
Surround the parents here,  
their family and friends  
with your love and grace.  
Comfort them in their sorrow  
and fill them with your peace.  
Bless them with confidence  
and courage to face the future.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:  
The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

May the Lord bless you and keep you  
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord lift up of his countenance upon you  
and give you peace. AMEN

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