

PRAYING OUR FAREWELLS.

*This may be used when anyone is departing from a Local Group or Area.
It may be adapted according to circumstances.
To symbolise unending love those present may stand in a circle.*

The Officiant may be chosen by the gathering concerned.

Officiant God is our beginnings and endings.
We celebrate all we have shared with N....
and ask your blessing as he/she/they continue on the journey.
May the love which is in our hearts be a bond that unites us for ever
wherever we may be
May the power of your presence bless this moment of
our leave taking,
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Then may follow this Psalmody or some other

- 1. You, O God will guard us from all evil:
you will protect our lives.**
- 2. You will protect our going out and out coming in:
both now and for ever.**
- 3. Where can I flee from your Spirit?:
or where can I flee from your presence?**
- 4. If I climb to heaven you are there:
if I lie in the grave you are there also.**
- 5. If I take the wings of the morning:
and dwell in the depths of the sea.**
- 6. Even there your hand shall lead me:
your hand shall hold me fast.**

From Psalms 121 and 139

Any of the following readings may be used

I thank my God, every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel. And this is my prayer, that love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ we may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. *Philippians 1.3,4,9.*

Exodus.13. 21-22 John 3.5-8 John 16.21-24 2 Corinthians 4.7-9

The gathering. As you journey on, we ask forgiveness where we have failed you
We give thanks for all you have given us.
We assure you of our love and prayers.

Those leaving. As I/we leave, I ask forgiveness where I have failed you.
I give thanks for all you have given to me.

The gathering I assure you of my love and prayers.
As you experience the pain of change
and the insecurity of moving on
We pray that you may also experience
the blessing of new growth.

Those leaving I know that God goes with me.

The gathering As you meet the poor, the pained
and the stranger in the Way
we pray that you may see in each one
the face of Christ.

Those leaving I know that God goes with me.

The gathering As you walk through the good times and the bad
we pray that you may never lose sight
of the shelter of God's loving arms.

Those leaving. I know that God goes with me.

The gathering As you ponder over your decisions
And wonder over the fruits of your choice
We pray that the peace of Christ
May reign in your heart.

Those leaving. I know that God goes with me.

Officiant.

We praise and thank you, God of the journey,
for N... who is soon to leave us.
We entrust him/her into your loving care
knowing that you are always the faithful traveller
and companion on the Way.
Shelter and protect them from all harm and anxiety
Grant them the courage to meet the future,
and grace to let go into new life .
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

*Then each person present may make the sign of the Cross on the forehead of those leaving
saying*

Go in peace, for our God goes with you.

The kiss of peace may be exchanged.