

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
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Statement from Bishop Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham, on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

On behalf of the Catholic Community here in Nottingham and across much of the East Midlands, we wish to express our deep sadness at hearing the news of the death of Her Majesty The Queen this afternoon. I wish to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and love for the late Queen. We have always admired her deep sense of duty, service, and commitment, but also her very evident love for the people she has served so generously these last 71 years.

We also want to pay our respects to The Queen as a woman of a faith, as a Christian, whose faith always inspired and shaped the way she lived. We pray that Christ Jesus, whom she faithfully served throughout her whole life, may now welcome her into His Kingdom with these words: 'Well done good and faithful servant.'

Our prayers go out to her family at this very sad time for them, as well as the whole nation.

God save the King.

During this time of national mourning, “

Statement from Cardinal Nichols:

2On 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 unflinching 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

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

**PRAYERS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

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.