

Family Memorial Service for Miscarried Baby

Dad: Intro

We are here together to worship God, to thank God for His love and mercy, and to remember _____'s short life with us on earth.

Sibling 1: Psalm 139:13-14, 16

For You created my inmost being;
You knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Your works are wonderful, I know that full well....
Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me
were written in Your book before one of them came to be.

Sibling 2: 2 Samuel 12:15b-18a, 22-23

And the Lord afflicted the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and he became sick. David therefore sought God on behalf of the child. And David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. And the elders of his house stood beside him, to raise him from the ground, but he would not, nor did he eat food with them. On the seventh day the child died. ...
He said, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, 'Who knows whether the Lord will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me."

Mom: Lamentations 3:17-18, 19-24

My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is;
so I say, "My endurance has perished; so has my hope from the Lord."...
My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me.
But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Dad: Prayer

Merciful Father, before You formed _____ in the womb You knew him or her. You made _____ for Your glory, and You love him or her more than we can imagine. Now she or he can see You face-to-face and enjoy abundant life with You.

You understand how it feels to lose a child because You allowed Your Son Jesus to die for us. Help us to comfort one another with the comfort and hope we receive from You. We know You never waste our suffering, but instead work all things for our good and according to Your higher, better, wiser plan.

We pray that _____ may continue to grow, healthy and fearless and secure and radiant in Your love. We thank You that Baby _____ will never experience tears, or sadness, or pain, or death. And we thank You for giving us the firm hope that one day, like King David did with his baby, we will get to go to _____ in heaven. Amen.

Mom: Goodbyes and See-You-Laters

Baby _____ is not dead; she or he is alive forever with God! Because of God's mercy, Baby _____ skipped life on earth to go straight to Jesus. Let's say our goodbyes and see-you-laters.

As we put each flower on the water, we can share something sad that we will miss about having Baby _____ with us on earth, or share something happy that that we know _____ is going to enjoy in heaven. I'll start. Baby _____, I will miss... or I am glad that you are....

Dad: Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sing the Doxology together