

## *A Parent's Prayer*

Dear Lord,

We are saddened and hurt, and we grieve the loss of our child. We miss being able to hold and caress our child. We will miss sharing the many experiences with our child that life on earth would have presented. We do not understand and yet we know that our child is also your child. Increase our understanding and strengthen our trust in you. We are comforted by your infinite love and mercy and we are confident that our child is now home and in your loving embrace. Please further comfort us.

Use our suffering to fulfill your will. Grant us peace. Strengthen our hope such that we can see past our tears and look forward with joy to that time when we will also be able to embrace our child and share the eternal joy which our child is now experiencing with you.

Jesus, we trust in you.

Amen.