



# Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays  
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## Dying Daily

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*“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless the grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”  
(John 12:25)*

#### Dying Daily

Grain of wheat, Jesus calls me to be.  
Ready to **die** daily that I might live  
As his disciple.

I  
Now must make a choice.

O, Lord, give me humility, and deepen my  
Faith, hope and charity and grant me a contrite heart.

Wake me with your Word of eternal life.  
Here “I place before you–life or death.”

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Example you were—choosing **death** that

All might **live!**

Thank you, Jesus for **dying** that I may have new **life**.

May I be a “willing seed,” **dying** daily,

So others may find **life** in you. Amen.

### For Reflection and Sharing:

*“Is being fruitful more important than being safe...or comfortable...or in control?”*

*(Dr. M. D’Ambrosio)*

1. Will I choose life or death?
2. In what ways this Lenten season were you called to lose your life?
3. Take each of the words: safe, in control, comfortable and ponder. Which of these words do you need to look into and let it die?
4. How is Jesus inviting you to be an agent of change in yourself and in your neighbors?
5. Those who like symbolism and action, find a planter, some dirt and a packet of seeds. Plant them and pray that all might live and bear fruit.

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**Valerie Pinney** March 19, 2015 at 9:38 am



Dying to self everyday. Simple. Difficult.

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**Sr. Juliemarie McDonald** March 24, 2015 at 7:34 pm



Val dear, tell me about it! I find much more difficult than simple, especially as I get older. Your Auntie Jm

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