

# Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays  
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## Daily Dying

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“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.” (Mk 8: 34b)

#### Daily Dying

Spent as spilt water,

I hang upon my daily cross

Mouth gaped, open wide,

Parched throat, parched tongue crying,

“God, do not forsake me.”

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Sister Juliemarie McDonald joined the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio in 1951. She holds an MA in English Studies from John Carroll University MA in Scripture from St. Charles Seminary. After 32 years of teaching classes ranging from first grade to college level, she then became a researcher, campus minister, director of religious education and a pastoral minister in Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. In her semi-retirement, Sister Juliemarie writes reflections and faith sharing sessions for the young sisters in formation in Africa, Philippines, Korea, India and the USA. Her spare time is spent as a crafter.



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Like Christ, I commend my spirit,

My old self—selfish and sinful.

Take, Lord, receive the old me.

And in my daily dying,

Rebirth me to new life—free

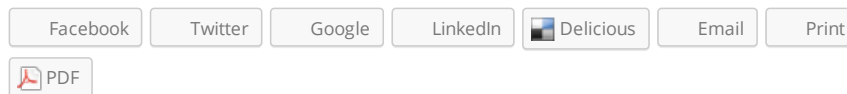
For new dying and new rebirth

Until refreshed be my heart eternally.

### For Reflection and Sharing:

1. Why does Peter react to Jesus prediction of his death?
2. Why is it necessary to suffer and take up our daily crosses?
3. Name some of the crosses people have to take up each day?
4. What comparison can you make between today's reading and parable of the seed?
5. When is it most difficult for you to take up the cross of Jesus?
6. How can you help those who are suffering loss of homes, life's earnings and country?
7. How is today's gospel connected with the Beatitudes?

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