



We grieve the loss of our Queen  
And we celebrate her example  
Not because of the office of state that she held  
But the person that she was

We remember a life of dutiful service  
Inspired by the example of our servant King Jesus  
And commit ourselves afresh to the purposes of his Gospel

We recall those occasions  
When she spoke unashamedly of the faith she held dear  
And seek God's help to live lives  
That declare our own with equal clarity

We recognise in these moments  
That no high office can protect us from our own mortality  
And give God thanks for the gift and promise of eternal life  
Placed within our grasp through the sacrifice of Christ

We acknowledge the pain of loss  
And hold in our hearts and prayers  
Our king  
Our royal family  
And all whose sense of grief and sadness will be re-awakened by her passing.

And we give thanks  
That her enduring presence in our lives  
Was but a pointer to the eternal presence of our God  
Whose rule and reign will never end  
And who invites all of humanity  
To find their place within that everlasting kingdom.

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