

Elizabeth loved to pray. Rosary after rosary, prayer after prayer. She loved her prayers so much that before she died she entrusted them to members of her family. Most of us make out a will so that our most precious possessions go to the family. Elizabeth's will was that her prayers go to her family.

Elizabeth was God's servant. She was responsible to the Lord in all she did. St. Paul says, "None of us lives as our own master and none of us dies as our own master. While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants. Both in life and in death we are the Lord's." You come to wonder if St. Paul knew this woman.

Being responsible to the Lord is no small task. Throughout our lives we strive to know God so we might serve Him better. It's an impossible task, coming to know God. In fact, Jesus says no one really knows God except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. Jesus must have wished to reveal God to Elizabeth, for surely she knew God as a member of her own family.

We come to this funeral in peace because God has given us a woman who has made our faith stronger. In her we see Jesus. In her we come to know God. Elizabeth's voice is silent, and our voices now take up the prayer, for while we live, we too are responsible to the Lord.

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