



'We have loved him in life, let us not forget him in death until we have conducted him by our prayers into the eternal abode of bliss.' *St. Ambrose.*



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O Immense Passion, O
Profound Wounds, O Profusion
of Blood, O Sweetness above
all Sweetness, O most Bitter
Death, grant Joseph eternal
rest.

We sat beside your bedside,
Our hearts were crushed and sore;
We did our duty to the end,
'Til we could do no more.
In tears we watched you sinking,
We watched you fade away;
And though our hearts were
breaking
We knew you could not stay.

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LORD, that I may seek to console
rather than to be consoled, to
understand rather than to be
understood; to love rather than to
be loved. For it is in giving that we
receive, in self-forgetfulness that
we find our true selves, in
forgiving that we are raised up to
life everlasting.

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God gave us strength to bear it,
And courage to fight the blow,
What it has meant to lose you,
God alone will ever know.