



St. Mary Men's Ministry
Ridgefield, CT 06877

The PRAYER:

*They whom we love and lose
Are no longer where they were before.
Now they are everywhere we are.*

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

The back story:

I acquired this short and simple, yet profound, prayer when I found it on the night table, next to the bed of Father Andrew Nirrengarten, 7 years ago on his death. Since then, I carry it in my pocket and thus have not missed a day praying it, benefitting from its soothing comfort and its "spirit" presence and deep faith in continued life. As you, and many of our BIC, know Andrew was my prep seminarian schoolmate, lifelong friend, and then brother-in-law - a good and faithful priest of the Rockeville Center Diocese for 45 years.

- Joe Bellacosa