

1 In the early hours of Sunday 31st August 1997, news came through of the tragic death in a car accident of Diana, Princess of Wales, aged 36.

2 Cardinal Basil Hume spoke the following words later, and we can remember our own loved ones:

*"Faith admits us into death's secrets.*

*Death is not the end of the road,*

*but a gateway to a better place.*

*It is in this place*

*that our noblest aspirations*

*will be realised.*

*It is here that we will understand*

*how our experiences*

*of goodness, love, beauty and joy*

*are realities which exist perfectly in God.*

*It is in heaven*

*that we shall rest in him,*

*and our hearts will be restless*

*until they rest in God.*

*We, left to continue*

*our pilgrimage through life,*

*weep and mourn.*

*You, Diana, and your companions, too,*

*are on your way to union with him*

*who loves you so.*

*He knows the love*

*which you, Diana, had for others.*

*God speaks now of his love for you.*

*Our tears*

*will not be bitter ones now,*

*but a gentle weeping*

*to rob our sadness of its agony*

*and lead at last to peace,*

*peace with God."*

3 Princess Diana had said:

*"There are two important things in life:*

*kindness in another's trouble,*

*and courage in your own."*

4 *Let us pray:*

**Lord, I ask**

**for the power of your Spirit in my life**

**that I may live in such a way**

**that I show kindness**

**in another's trouble,**

**and courage in my own.**

**Amen.**

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