

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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