

# *Memorial Service*

**AT THE WAKE OF A  
KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS**



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## **Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator or Presider:**

Shortly before his own passion, our Lord Jesus wept tears with Mary and Martha upon the death of Lazarus. In the midst of this sorrow, he told Martha: "I am the Resurrection and the Life: whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life" (Jn 11:25-26). Jesus raised Lazarus from the tomb to teach us that death is not the end for those who believe, but rather a glorious beginning. Upon leaving this world, the faithfully departed begin their journey toward a heavenly dwelling place, prepared for them by Christ who rose from the dead (cf., Jn 14:2-3). The passing away of our earthly life, therefore, is a transition to a new life in which "every tear is wiped from our faces" (cf., is 25:8) and sickness, pain and suffering are no more.

Every Knight of Columbus is entrusted to the care of Mary, the Mother of God. We carry the Rosary as the sign of our dedication to her and to her Son. Confident in her motherly love for us all, we entrust the soul of our Brother, **(Name of Brother)** to her, that she may present him to her Son. As an expression of our fraternal concern, let us pray together the Rosary of Our Lady.

*The introduction having been made,  
The presider begins:*

**Presider:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

*The presider leads the people  
In the recitation of the Creed:*

**All:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

*The presider leads the people In praying the Our Father:*

**Presider:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

*The people respond:*

**All:** Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*The presider leads the people in praying The Hail Mary three times*

**Presider:** Let us Pray three Hail Mary's for Faith, Hope & Charity!

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. ***(Repeat three times.)***

*The presider leads the people in praying, The Glory Be:*

**Presider:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*The presider continues:*

**The First Decade:** *“A person’s life is patterned on the life of Jesus. Jesus was conceived, born, grew in grace, wisdom, and age. As an adult, He worked at a trade, carried on His ministry with difficulty. He suffered, died, and was buried. In the First Decade of the Rosary, let us reflect on the mystery of suffering. Jesus suffered a bitter agony and the cruel scourging to lead us on the way to the Father. Let our prayer intention be that **[Name of deceased]**, having accepted the suffering of life, may be at peace with the Lord.”*

*The presider leads the people in praying the Our Father:*

**Presider:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

*The people respond:*

**All:** Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*The presider leads the people in praying The Hail Mary ten times:*

**Presider:** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. **(Repeat ten times.)**

*The presider leads the people in praying The Glory Be:*

**Presider:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*The Eternal Rest Prayer may be prayed By all after the Glory Be:*

**Presider: Eternal rest;** grant onto him, O Lord;

**All:** And let the perpetual light shine upon him.

*The presider continues:*

**In The Second Decade** “we will consider how Jesus willingly bore our sins when He was crowned with thorns, carried His cross to Calvary and was then crucified on the cross in a supreme act of love. Let our intention be that **[Name of deceased]** having carried his cross, may now share the glory of a true disciple.”

*The presider leads the people In praying the Our Father:*

**Presider:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

*The people respond:*

**All:** Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*The presider leads the people in praying The Hail Mary ten times:*

**Presider:** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. **(Repeat ten times.)**

*The presider leads the people in praying The Glory Be:*

**Presider:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*The Eternal Rest Prayer may be prayed By all after the Glory Be:*

**Presider: Eternal rest;** grant onto him, O Lord;

**All:** And let the perpetual light shine upon him.

*The presider continues:*

**In The Third Decade** – “we will reflect on the Glorious Mystery of Jesus rising from the dead. Jesus said: “I am the Resurrection and the life, whoever believes in Me, though he should die, will come to life.” This is the glory of Easter and of our faith; that we too will be raised to glory. Let our intention be that **[Name of deceased]**, having believed in the Lord is now with Him in glory.”

*The presider leads the people In praying the Our Father:*

**Presider:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

*The people respond:*

**All:** Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*The preside leads the people in praying The Hail Mary ten times:*

**Presider:** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. **(Repeat ten times.)**

*The presider leads the people in praying The Glory Be:*

**Presider:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*The Eternal Rest Prayer may be prayed By all after the Glory Be:*

**Presider: Eternal rest;** grant onto him, O Lord;

**All:** And let the perpetual light shine upon him.

*The presider continues:*

**In The Fourth Decade** “we contemplate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven and His sending us the Holy Spirit. Before Jesus returned to the Father, He promised the Apostles and all disciples present and future, that He was returning to the Father to prepare a place for them, that He would send His Spirit to guide them and that He would be with them until the end of time. Let our intention be that **[Name of deceased]**’s family and all others who mourn loved ones, be assured that they have reached the place that Jesus prepared for them.”

*The presider leads the people In praying the Our Father:*

**Presider:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

*The people respond:*

**All:** Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*The preside leads the people in praying The Hail Mary ten times:*

**Presider:** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. **(Repeat ten times.)**



*The presider leads the people in praying The Glory Be:*

**Presider:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*The Eternal Rest Prayer may be prayed By all after the Glory Be:*

**Presider: Eternal rest;** grant onto him, O Lord;

**All:** And let the perpetual light shine upon him.

*The presider continues:*

**In The Fifth Decade** “we reflect on the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our Christian life by considering the meaning of her Assumption into Heaven and her Coronation as Queen of Heaven. Mary is honored by God and all humankind. She was the most perfect disciple and the model of all the saints. Because of her perfect faith and obedience, her standing at the foot of the cross of Jesus; all Catholics believe she was assumed into Heaven, and was honored not only by God, but by all the angels and saints as well. We don’t know exactly what her reward was but in our finite way, we say she was crowned with Glory and honor. Her crown of sparkling jewels is a symbol of her reward. Let our intention be that **[Name of deceased]** also receives the reward of his faith. ”

*The presider leads the people In praying the Our Father:*

**Presider:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

*The people respond:*

**All:** Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*The presider leads the people in praying The Hail Mary ten times:*

**Presider:** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. **(Repeat ten times.)**

*The presider leads the people in praying The Glory Be:*

**Presider:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*The Eternal Rest Prayer may be prayed By all after the Glory Be:*

**Presider: Eternal rest;** grant onto him, O Lord;

**All:** And let the perpetual light shine upon him.

*The decades having been completed, the presider leads  
The people in praying Hail, Holy Queen:*

**Presider:** Hail Holy Queen

**All:** ...Mother of Mercy! Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our signs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.

**Presider:** Queen of the Most Holy Rosary pray for us.....

**All:** ...that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Presider:** Let us pray...

**All:** O God, who's only Begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of Eternal life, grant we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what the promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Presider:** Eternal rest; Grant onto him, O Lord;

**All:** ... and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Presider:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Bishop or Priest:** *May Almighty God bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

**All:** *Amen.*

**Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator or Presider:**

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we present to you the soul of our Brother, **(Name of Brother)**, that you may lead him into the presence of your Son. We look forward to the day when we will all join **(Name of Brother)** in the heavenly kingdom, where your Son lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen