

Memorial Service
At The Wake Of A
Knight of Columbus

After the guests are assembled, the Grand Knight or Faithful Navigator begins the memorial service. If he is not present, another officer or selected presider begins:

Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator or Presider:

Dear friends, 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 night 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 thence 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: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst 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:

Presider: The five (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, or Luminous) Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary, offered for the repose of the soul of our Brother, ***(Name of Brother)***.

First leader: The first (Mystery):

Joyful – The Annunciation

Sorrowful – Agony in the Garden

Glorious – The Resurrection

Luminous – The Baptism of Jesus

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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 amongst 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 Fatima Prayer may be prayed

By all after the Glory Be:

All: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls into heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

The presider continues:

Second leader: The Second:

Joyful – The Visitation

Sorrowful – Scourging at the Pillar

Glorious – The Ascension

Luminous – Christ's Self-Manifestation at Cana

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 amongst 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 Fatima Prayer may be prayed

By all after the Glory Be:

All: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls into heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

The presider continues:

Third leader: The Third:

Joyful – The Nativity

Sorrowful – Crowning with thorns

Glorious – The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Luminous – Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

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 amongst 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.)***

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The Glory Be:

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The presider continues:

Fourth leader: The Fourth:

Joyful – The Presentation

Sorrowful – Carrying of the Cross

Glorious – The Assumption

Luminous – The Transfiguration

*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 amongst 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 Fatima Prayer may be prayed

By all after the Glory Be:

All: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls into heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

The presider continues:

Fifth leader: The Fifth:

Joyful – Finding in the Temple

Sorrowful – The Crucifixion

Glorious – The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Luminous – Institution of the Eucharist

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 amongst 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.)***

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The Glory Be:

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

The Fatima Prayer may be prayed

By all after the Glory Be:

All: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls into heaven, especially those in need of Thy mercy.

The decades having been completed, the presider leads

The people in praying the 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 sighs, 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 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 everlasting life, pray, we beseech Thee, that meditating on 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: May the Divine Assistance remain always with us...

All: ... and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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