



LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE
Holy Trinity General Meeting
November, 2015

Preparation: 1 reader
Music
Book of Life with names already written out
Symbols

WORDS OF WELCOME: Welcome to our liturgy of remembrance for all our loved ones who have died, for those we have had the privilege of knowing and loving as we shared our lives with them. We also remember our CWL sisters from this council, whose names are written in the Book of Life.

This evening, we are gathered together as a community of faith to honor our loved ones who have gone before us...the beloved people in your families and mine, those who are with Jesus by the sanctity of their lives.

This evening, we remember a mother, a father, a husband, a son or daughter, relatives, a friend. The cherished memories that we have of them never fade away because we carry what they meant to us deep in our hearts....we each have our own personal memories, the happy and the sad.

For the next few minutes I invite you to think of three or four of those special people who were important to you but who are now resting in peace. Write their names on the sticky note you received when you came in and then place it at the foot of the crosses. When you return to your seats, say a prayer for them or for yourselves. Those who have the names of our deceased CWL sisters will place those on the board afterwards. **MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED DURING THIS TIME.**

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Tender and Loving God, to whom mercy and forgiveness belong, hear our prayers on behalf of all those faithful servants whom you have called into the light of your presence. May they be joyously welcomed into heaven. We ask this through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

READING: A reading from the Book of Wisdom:

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy; like gold in the furnace God tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering God accepted them. THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Intercessions: God is the glory and joy of each of our departed members whose memory we celebrate today. We begin by calling to mind our Sisters from our Council who have died. We thank God for the gift of:

Name of women from the Book of Life: that you have shared with us. (Response: God who remembers)

We also pray for those whose names (point to the board) are also being remembered here tonight, we pray:

Response: God who remembers

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God, we pray:

Response: God who remembers.

For those struggling with the many faces of grief, those who are stuck in shock, anger, fear, or sorrow...may God's peace and consolation give them the courage to move through their grief; we pray:

Response: God who remembers.

We place in God's loving arms all who have died knowing that He will bring them to a place of peace and happiness, we pray:

Response: God who remembers.

We pause to remember our loved ones...we give praise and thanks to God for all the joy they have brought to our lives and we ask that we will continue to draw strength from their goodness, we pray:

Response: God who remembers.

For all the young people who have died. We remember in particular those who have died suddenly, those who have died by suicide or accident or in a violent way. We ask you to give strength to their families and friends as they suffer their losses. May the Lord bring them to a place of light, peace, and healing, we pray:

Response: God who remembers.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace.
Amen.