

Room Blessing (Christian)

Use this script to bless the room of someone who has left or died, to honor their memory and to prepare the room for the next occupant. Give a copy to each participant.



Welcome

Leader: As residents and caregivers, we build connections and relationships with one another. We gather here today to remember our friend ____, to pray together, and to bless the space we shared with him/her. Please join me in prayer.

Prayer of Remembrance

Leader: Merciful Father, You gave the gift of life to ____ and entrusted him/her to us for a brief time in this community. We thank You for the time we shared. Help us now to release him/her as we commend his/her spirit to Your peace and care.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us take a moment in silence to remember ____.

[If desired, ask if anyone would like to share their memories of the departed person.]

Leader: Today we also remember ____'s family and friends.

All: Comfort them in their time of transition, pain, and tears.

Leader: As Jesus told his followers, "In my Father's house are many rooms ... I go to prepare a place for you."¹

All: That where he is, we may be also.

Blessing of the Room

Leader: Loving God, we ask you to bless this space. May your sustaining spirit be felt in this room and all who enter it. May this space be a welcoming and safe home for those who come to receive care here. May those who live and work in this place always feel your compassion and care.

Sign of Blessing

Leader: The butterfly is a sign of new life and reminds us that we are all unique and beautiful as God's children. We place this butterfly card in ____'s room as a sign that the room has been blessed. May all who come or go from here experience reverence for their unique value and beauty as a precious child of God.

Closing Blessing

Leader: Let us go in peace, holding in our hearts the certainty that the Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is with us always. Whether our hearts soar with sweet joy, or are worn, tired, and hurting, we are never alone, for the Spirit of God dwells within us. In Jesus' name we pray.

ALL: May our loving and caring God bless us all. Amen.

¹ John 14:2-3