

Room Blessing (General)

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 ____ and to bless the space we shared with him/her.

We come together to remember and to give thanks for ____, our friend and neighbor. We acknowledge the tragedy of death and the rawness of our grief. We seek the grace to support and comfort one another. And we recognize in our shared sadness the beauty and gift of love.

Remembrance

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: Through our memories, we hold ____ in our hearts.
In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

All: We remember.

Leader: In the blowing of the wind and the chill of winter,

All: We remember.

Leader: In the opening of buds and the rebirth of spring,

All: We remember.

Leader: In the blue sky and the warmth of summer,

All: We remember.

Leader: In the turning of leaves and the beauty of autumn,

All: We remember.

Leader: In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

All: We remember.

Leader: As long as we live, they too shall live in our hearts,

ALL: As we remember.

Blessing of the Room

Leader: Spirit of Life, we ask you to bless this place. 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. This beautiful creature also reminds us that we are all unique and beautiful. We place this butterfly card here as a sign that the

room has been blessed. May all who come or go from this place experience reverence for their unique value and beauty.

Closing Blessing

Leader: Let us go in peace. Whether our hearts soar with sweet joy, or are worn, tired, and hurting, we hold in our hearts the certainty that we are not alone.

ALL: May the Spirit bless us all. Amen.

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