

Prayer of Remembrance † November 2019

Environment for our prayer space: We are encouraged to create an Altar of the Dead (Altar de los Muertos) for our prayer environment. In the Hispanic tradition the Altar de los Muertos makes the souls feel welcome and shows them they are not forgotten. Our Altar of the Dead can contain, flowers, candles, photos, memorabilia of those who have died, symbols of the four elements.

All who are praying this prayer together are invited to bring something for the Altar and to share what they have placed on the Altar de los Muertos.

Greeting: In the presence of God we Gather in this holy space with reverence and gratitude for all who have gone before us. We pray that Love and Mercy abound.

Gathering Prayer: We give thanks for that long line of holy people who have passed from this life into your presence...family members, friends, colleagues. You have gifted us with Catherine McAuley who always offered women a home at Baggot Street and a nurturing home in her heart. You have inspired countless women and men to walk in her footsteps and be a welcoming presence in our world. Today we remember these faith-filled women and men who have gone before us and trust that you welcome them into a home that is filled with peace, love and everlasting happiness.



You are invited to name aloud loved ones you wish to remember.

Closing Song: "There Are Many Rooms"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUsWu32zhRg>

Refrain: There are many rooms in my Father's house.

Do not be afraid, and have no doubt.
I am going there to prepare a place.
Come and follow me. Come and you will see.
Come and take your rest in God's safe embrace.

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life;
Those who believe in me will never die,
Will never die, but will let live again.

I will not leave you orphans;
I will return to you and you will live,
And you will live forever!

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Blessing: With hands extended in blessing toward our altar, we pray:

All: "May you continue to inspire us to enter each day with a generous heart. To serve the call of courage and love until we see your beautiful face again in that land where there is no more separation, where all tears will be wiped from our mind, and where we will never lose you again."

(John O'Donohue)