

## Their life matters

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### Gathering words

We come together to honor the beloved memory of \_\_\_\_\_ who recently has passed away, but was much loved, even if just for a short time.

The beautiful loving spirit, kind eyes, and angelic attitude was how these babies can be described. Thank you for their presence among us, what they taught us about life, and their incredible spirit filled with love and forgiveness.

### Reading

**Jeremiah: 27: 5**

**With my great power and outstretched arm I made the earth and the people and the animals that are on it, and give it to anyone I please.**

Short reflection

## Prayer

Source of peace: We thank you for the opportunity to have known and loved \_\_\_\_\_ even in the short time we were together. We thank you for the special gift of their example of love and light, and what he/she/they taught us about loving others.

Because we know our human frailties, we ask for forgiveness for others and ourselves for the times we do not offer the respect deserved for \_\_\_\_\_.

Heavenly spirit, we ask that you watch over \_\_\_\_\_ and forever keep her/him/they in your loving arms. We ask that the special memories of this beloved baby(s) be blessed forever and ever.

Let us say, Amen.

## **Officiant's address**

I want to thank you for having me honor the life (lives) of \_\_\_\_\_ today. As all of us know these precious babies are very special to us. Although I did not know \_\_\_\_\_ I feel like I do by the loving accounts I have heard. He/she/they will never be forgotten and will be deeply loved.

These babies create a bond that is very powerful and special. They can teach everyone so much about unconditional love, listening, caring, and of course forgiveness.

In addition

- To care about others rather than possessions
- To remember what our priorities should be
- To observe the world around us with curiosity and enthusiasm
- To live life with honor

As we mourn the loss of \_\_\_\_\_ we remain thankful for the lessons he/she/they shared with us about life and love.

## **Prayer**

Source of peace:

Give us the grace to mourn with dignity

Give us the grace to mourn with peace

Give us the grace to mourn without shame and  
embarrassment

Give us the grace to mourn fully so our hearts will be healed

Give us the grace to mourn those that I love.

May my memories of my beloved \_\_\_\_\_ be a  
blessing so that I may be ready to love again.

## **A reading and/or a poem**

### **Mark 16:15**

**He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the  
Gospel to all creation"**

Name and pause for each one

A reflection

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Source of peace (Loving God)

Give us the strength to carry on day after day after the losses we witness of the rejected, yet loving friends, we pray

Give wisdom to those who show little or no regard for the lives of our beloved animals, we pray

For those we have lost because of over breeding, lack of space, that they may guide us and inspire us, we pray

May those that do not know the pain and suffering they cause, we ask for the ability to educate and we ask for forgiveness on their behalf, we pray

For those that are suffering from lack of physical and emotional needs we ask that you guide them and enable us to relieve their suffering,, we pray

We pray that one day there will be a home for every pet and a pet in every home so this senseless killing ends, we pray

For those intentions that we hold in the quiet of our hearts, we pray

Loving Spirit, hear the prayers we offer on this day and every day for the needs of ourselves and those we love.

## **Closing Prayer**

As we say goodbye to our beloved \_\_\_\_\_ we express our gratitude for their sweet presence in spite of the circumstances.

Through \_\_\_\_\_ we learned compassion

Through \_\_\_\_\_ we learned patience

Through \_\_\_\_\_ we learned to think of someone else other than ourselves, and learned how to give and forgive.

Through \_\_\_\_\_ we learned about friendship and loyalty

Through \_\_\_\_\_ we learned about innocence and humility

Through our beloved \_\_\_\_\_ we learned about love at its highest level.

May we continue to learn from them and share these beautiful gifts with others and always keep their spirits in our hearts.

May God/The Lord/The Spirit bless you and keep you.  
Shine upon you and lift you up, and always give you peace.