

### **Blessing of the Room**

Creator and loving God, we ask you to bless \_\_\_'s room. May your sustaining spirit be felt in the room and in all who enter it. May the room 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**

A butterfly is often seen as a sign of new life. It is a beautiful creature which also reminds us that we are all unique and beautiful in God's sight. We will place this butterfly card in \_\_\_'s room as a sign that the room has been blessed. Our hope is that all who come or go from here will experience being revered for their unique inner beauty.

### **Closing Blessing**

Let us go in peace, holding in our hearts the certainty that the Eternal God is with us always. Whether our hearts soar with sweet joy, or are worn, tired and hurting; We are never alone, never apart; For the Spirit of the Merciful God is with us.

**ALL: May the loving and caring God Bless us all; Amen.**



(Ritual originates from St. Joseph's Health Centre, Guelph)

# *Room Blessing*



*In loving memory*  
of \_\_\_\_\_

*St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre, Cornwall*

### Welcome and Introduction

As residents, (family) and caregivers, we have built connections and relationships with one another and can be emotionally affected by the death of a fellow resident.

So we gather here today to remember \_\_\_\_\_, to pray together, and to bless his/her room.

Let us give ourselves permission to be in touch with our caring spirit; and allow ourselves to respond to any feelings through our sharing and prayer.

### Prayer of Remembrance

Merciful Creator, You gave the gift of life to \_\_\_\_\_ and entrusted him/her to us for a brief time in this community. As we thank You for the life we shared, help us now to release him/her.

We commend him/her to you and ask that he/she may have peace in your care.

**All: Amen.**

\_\_\_\_\_’s leaving us forces us to face change, loss, and our own powerlessness. His/Her place in this community and his/her room will seem empty without him/her.

Our hearts and caring hands feel empty too.

As we bid farewell to \_\_\_\_\_,  
we pray together and share memories  
that we feel comfortable sharing....

*(Time to remember \_\_\_\_\_ in silence and/or through sharing memories)*

Today we remember \_\_\_\_\_’s family and friends  
**ALL: Comfort them in their time of pain and tears.**

\_\_\_\_\_, the eternal God is your dwelling place  
**ALL: And underneath are the everlasting arms.**

And we continue to pray together:

**ALL:**

Forever Oneness,  
who sings to us in silence,  
who teaches us through each other.

Guide our steps with strength and wisdom.  
May we see the lessons as we walk,  
honor the Purpose of all things.

Help us to touch with respect,  
always speak “from behind our eyes”.

Let us observe, not judge.

May we cause no harm,  
and leave music and beauty after our visit.

When we return to Forever

may the circle be closed  
and the spiral be broader. **Amen**

(Original by Bee Lake, an Aboriginal poet)

