

A NEW THOUGHT FUNERAL OR TRANSITION SERVICE

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Symphony of Love Divine Science Ministry

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Facilitator: We gather here today to celebrate life – Eternal Life – which is our true nature as Sons and Daughters of God. We celebrate the transition of _____ to another dimension of consciousness.

From the Divine Science textbook, we read:

"Consciousness is the measuring stick of our unfoldment. The levels of [humankind's] consciousness may vary from the lowest and slowest to a cosmic quality. Cosmic Consciousness, toward which we are unfolding, is the awareness of the cosmos, or the life, nature, and beauty of the universe. It is supreme intuitive knowledge of the divine order that transcends the mere intellectual faculty of comprehension. Cosmic Consciousness gradually dawns; we grow up into it. In this new consciousness we willingly subscribe to a wholly spiritual way of thinking, acting, and being."

In her book *Mysteries*, Nona Brooks wrote:

"... when death comes, we should see that it comes by law when it is best for the individual. We move from house to house, from city to city, without fear; yes, even from country to country. In fact, the experience of change is a pleasurable one. Why, then, should we dread journeying from one plane of activity to another? Life is a school; when you and I have done the work in one grade satisfactorily, we are promoted to the next higher; so it is that when we have learned the lessons in one stage of development in the process of education, we are pronounced worthy of the next. Promotion in the school of life is eternal. As we progress we are needed somewhere else in the eternal plan; and you and I go on when it is best for us as individuals. The law of progress is perfect at every point."

Facilitator: Let us join together in sharing our loving thoughts and memories of the times we've spent with _____.

+++ Relatives and friends may then come forward to share loving and positive memories about the one who has made a physical transition.

In addition, a song may be presented, or individual poetry readings.

Facilitator: A reading from Paul's Epistle to the Romans, chapter 8:

"And I am convinced that nothing can separate us from [God's] love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away. Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus."

{From Holy Bible New Living Translation. Copyright 1996: Tyndale House Publishers.}

Facilitator: And now, may we gather in a circle (or semi-circle) for the following prayer for inner Resurrection:

In this present moment, I recognize and feel an eternal Spirit that fills the universe with its life and essence. It fills my awareness, and I am one with this eternal Presence as I reflect its nature and unify with its activity.

I now choose to let go of any belief or habit that holds back my perfect reflection of the eternal perfection that is the Ultimate Reality. As I breathe out, I now release any fears that prevent my resurrection in consciousness. As I breathe in, I now fill myself with the nature of love and life that is the Highest Self, Holy Spirit in form and ideas.

I am thankful that resurrection occurs in every moment and each activity, as I choose to reflect the perfect Divine Idea in all of my experiences.

And so it is!