

**ORDER FOR THE DEDICATION  
OF  
MEMORIALS IN CHURCHES**

*The memorial should be covered with a suitable screen or curtain, which can easily be drawn aside.*

*The service proceeds according to the normal order of public worship.*

*The minister, accompanied by those who may be taking part in the unveiling ceremony, proceeds to the place where the memorial is. While the people are still standing he makes a brief statement concerning the person or persons in whose memory it is to be dedicated.*

*Where it is appropriate, a representative of those giving the memorial may say:*

We give this memorial for the glory of God and in memory of his servant our brother ... *(name)*.

*The minister, on behalf of the congregation, says:*

We accept this memorial, that it may witness to the faithfulness of God to generations yet unborn. We will guard it lovingly.

*The minister then requests the person appointed to do so to unveil the memorial.*

*The minister dedicates the memorial, naming it as an article of church furniture:*

I dedicate this memorial ..... *(description)* to the glory of God and in memory of ..... *(name)*: in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Where it is appropriate the minister may add:*

Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

*At the dedication of military memorials it is customary to sound the Regimental Call and the Last Post. Some similar acknowledgement is appropriate to any life sacrificially given to God, and may be offered at the minister's discretion.*

*The minister says:*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Father in heaven, we can bring nothing to its right end without you. Yet you accept what our hands have made and use it to speak to us of your own surpassing beauty and truth. May we know your love and blessing as we set apart this memorial for your glory: and may the *life* it commemorates speak to us still of fearless devotion and unflagging zeal in your service.

Father, we thank you for all who were good and true in their lives, especially those whom we lovingly remember as faithful to you all their days. Let that love remain undimmed in the knowledge that they and we in Christ cannot be severed, and in the glory of your eternal kingdom we shall see them. Therefore we turn our hearts to you, that we may love you with all that is in us, and serve you with gladness until you call us to yourself; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Those who have taken part in the unveiling and dedication return to their places.*

*A concluding hymn is sung, and the minister blesses the people from God.*