

A Prayer For You... Honoring Chaplain,

This little ceremony may be used to honor the Chaplain of the Chapter,- or the Grand Chaplain. It is written for the use of candles,- but it is equally effective if flowers are substituted, and used, in those Jurisdictions where candles are not allowed. The words need not be changed... just place flowers INSTEAD of candles.

Worthy Matron: Tonight we pay a special tribute to Sister ----, our Chaplain. A Chaplain's service is a service of prayer. And a prayer will be our honor to you. Sister Marshal, you will present our Chaplain in the West.

So soft music, this is done.

Worthy Matron: Sister Chaplain, you are one of the unsung heroines of our Order. Your service adds both meaning and beauty to our meetings, and we are happy to say "Thank you" tonight. Sister Marshal, you will return Sister --- to her station.

This is done. Chaplain stands at her station, as 4 Sisters approach. In small Chapters, their lines may be combined, and fewer used. Two Sisters wheel a small pedestal, one carries a large book, simulating the Bible, and the other carries a spray of flowers. The pedestal is placed in front of the Chaplain's station.

1st Sister: A prayer is many things to many people.

2nd Sister: A prayer is offered usually to authority.

3rd Sister, placing Book: A prayer is adoration to Him above.

4th Sister, placing flowers: A prayer is a confession of human weakness.

The Sister placing Book remains, to turn pages and read passages, as candles, or flowers are placed along each side of pedestal. As each Sister places candle or flower, she speaks, then 3rd Sister reads.

5th Sister: Prayer is magic.

3rd Sister: Nehemiah 4:9...Nevertheless, we made our prayer unto God.

6th Sister: Prayer is a communion and a petition.

3rd Sister: Psalms 109:4...I give myself unto prayer.

7th Sister: Prayer is the expression of a human need.

3rd Sister: Proverbs 15:16...The Lord heareth the prayer of the righteous.

8th Sister: Prayer is thanksgiving, and we are thankful to you, Sister Chaplain.

3rd Sister: Isaiah 56:7... I will make them joyful in my house of prayer.

9th Sister: Prayer is also praise, and we have nothing but praise for you.

3rd Sister: Philippians 2:19... Salvation is through your prayer.

10th Sister: Prayers are ardent good wishes, and all join in good wishes for you.

3rd Sister: Philippians 1:4... Every prayer of mine makes requests with joy in your fellowship in the gospel.

Choir or Soloist sings "The Easterner's Prayer", or the Prayer of Allah.

3rd Sister: Because to us, you are so many things,- and because you have served this Chapter in so many ways, I present you with these flowers. (She gives the large spray that the fourth Sister placed upon the pedestal). If a gift is to be given, it will be attached to this spray..... " You have our loving good wishes, always, and our praise and thankfulness, for work well done.

To soft music, all Sisters are seated, and Chaplain seats herself.... probably after a word of thanks.

This concludes the little ceremony.