

T H E F O R M

for the Dedication of a Memorial Stone in a Graveyard.

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[Colin was asked by a family to dedicate a memorial stone in the churchyard. The stone was in the shape of a Celtic Cross, and, finding nothing on his shelves relating to a stone, he devised the following order.]

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The family having gathered at the stone to be dedicated, the Minister says:

The Lord be with you.

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever !
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south."

Let us pray.

Lord God, eternal Father,
who art the God not of the dead but of the living
since all live unto thee,
look down and bless this memorial which we dedicate to thee;
the name inscribed that is forever dear to thy servants;
the cross, sign of our Lord's atoning death for us;
the ring of glory, reminding us of his resurrection promised to us.

Let this quiet place be not a retreat of sadness

but a hallowed corner of good and precious memory and of lively hope;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then, laying his hand upon the stone, the Minister says:

To the glory of God and in memory of N.N...,

I dedicate this stone that it may until the end of time

proclaim our love, and witness to the hope of promised resurrection:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

The Minister blesses the people:

God grant to the living grace;

to the departed rest;

to the Church, the Queen, the commonwealth and all mankind peace

and concord;

and to us and all his servants life everlasting;

and the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

be with you and abide with you always. AMEN.

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