

Ritual words to close joys and sorrows

1. recognition for unspoken joys and sorrows (words vary)
2. I light this candle (or, these candles are also lit) for all those thoughts unspoken. The mystery is that, although we feel separate, we are connected. Let us celebrate the common life, which makes the many, one.
3. <Minister> rings a meditation bell.
4. Please hold these concerns in your thoughts
5. The Minister, when present, or the Service Assistant says: " I light this candle (or, these candles are also lit) for all those thoughts unspoken. The mystery is that, although we feel separate, we are connected. Let us celebrate the common life, which makes the many, one. We join now in a moment of silence to reflect on the names and situations shared. And let us also leave room in our hearts for those whose names were not mentioned, but whose joys, sorrows and milestones are also with us. (PAUSE) Please join me in our Litany of Response (Responsive Reading): Each of us enters this place with different needs. Some hearts are full of gratitude and joy. And we rejoice with them. Some hearts ache with sorrow. May our presence and sympathy bring them comfort. Some hearts are embittered. May the knowledge that we too are searching restore their hope and give them courage to believe that not all is emptiness. Some spirits hunger. May we in our common need and striving give strength to each other as we share our joys, lighten each others' burdens and ponder the welfare of community.
6. Responsive reading
7. " I light this candle (or, these candles are also lit) for all those thoughts unspoken. The mystery is that, although we feel separate, we are connected. Let us celebrate the common life, which makes the many, one."
8. A responsive litany - several lines long
9. Let us hold these joys and concerns, spoken and unspoken, in our hearts and minds in the coming week.
10. it changes
11. Let us take a moment to reflect on what we have heard here today and to offer our support & encouragement...
12. ring a chime
13. A guided meditation, affirming that there is abundant kindness, friendliness and compassion to respond to all the joys and sorrows, not just those spoken aloud, but also those held in privacy of hearts and minds.
14. may we uplift those who lit candles; keep in our thoughts and prayers; those too tender to speak, may we uplift them, etc.
15. Let us be mindful of these joys and concerns, spoken and unspoken, throughout this week.
16. Words are not "ritualized", but spoken by the Minister
17. a few words from our minister, a moment of silence, then music
18. If there are no others, I will light a candle for those joys and sorrows that have remained unspoken and for those who are not with us this morning.
19. Let us now pause for a moment of silence to reflect on the joys & concerns that have been expressed here this morning, and reach out as well with our hearts to our brothers & sisters all around the world.
20. To close we remember that not everyone speaks their joys and concerns and not everyone has a community to share with.
21. same
22. varies within a narrow range
23. Our Litany of Response. Too long to put here.
24. There are also many unspoken joys and sorrows in the room. Let us now take a moment to breathe

- together, to wrap one another in holy light and sacred dark.
25. Something like: We remember these joys and sorrows as well as those that go unspoken. We'll now have a moment of meditation.
 26. For these joys and concerns and those that remain unspoken, let us share them together as a community in silent meditation.
 27. Let us spend a moment in silent witness to all these passages shared out loud, acknowledging that there are other blessings and concerns we have that seem too large or tender to say out loud but are h
 28. let's spend a moment in silent witness....
 29. Minister lights one silent candle to symbolize J&C's held by those who did not light a candle
 30. We light this final candle for all the joys and sorrows still too tender to escape the silent sanctuary of our hearts (and another for all those people who have yet to find a community of care).
 31. We hold these names within the circle of this beloved community until we meet again
 32. can't recall
 33. none; it varies
 34. see number 17 above
 35. I light a final candle for those joys and sorrows which remain in the silence of our hearts.
 36. candle to symbolize all the things held in the silence of our hearts, and all members not present or serving in RE
 37. Same.
 38. Let us light one final candles for all the j&s that remain in the sanctuary of our hearts.
 39. We affirm the joys and concerns that have been spoken and the ones that we hold in our hearts. We also light a large peace candle(we have been doing this since the war began).
 40. I now light one candle for those unspoken joys and concerns-or some derivation
 41. It varies with the service leader.
 42. We light this final candle for those joys or concerns we hold in our hearts.
 43. no set words; minister introduces
 44. Part of this involves being aware of the J&C that remain unspoken...
 45. Minister closes with varying statements or readings.
 46. Let us hold these joys and sorrows, as well as those that lay unspoken on your lips, in the spirit of prayer.
 47. Musical Meditation (interlude)
 48. We had to those that are unspoken for whatever reason
 49. we place two stones in the careen for all the unspoken joys and concerns that have for whatever reason have gone unspoken today
 50. usually an improvised pastoral prayer
 51. We add two stones to the cairn for all those joys and concerns not mentioned here. Let us share a moment of silence in recognition of sacred nature of our sharing.
 52. We now offer a short intercessory prayer and these words - I now light this final candle for all those joys and concerns left unspoken.
 53. Here we acknowledge the joys and concerns spoken and held inside
 54. we light one candle for all those joys and sorrow left in our hearts, yet unspoken. Then sometimes a prayer or reading.
 55. this varies

56. Let us hold all these J&C, spoken and those left unspoken, as we move through the week as a community of faith.
57. [with the prayer]
58. We light this final candle for all those joys and concerns too tender to escape the folds of our hearts.
59. Moment of meditation after sorrows
60. vary - but written
61. May all these expressions both expressed and held in silence be accepted into the heart of this community.
62. hold in our hearts these joys and concerns
63. Varies
64. Let us hold all these joys and concerns, both those spoken and those left unspoken, in our hearts and in our lives this week that we may be with each other as a community of faith.
65. Hold these joys and concerns and those unspoken in our hearts
66. minister offers prayer
67. May all the joys & concerns of this community--those expressed aloud and those held in silence, be received into the care of all present.
68. it varies depending upon the worship leader
69. "For these and other joys and sorrows we hold silently in our hearts we give thanks for being part of one another and of all humankind."
70. ringing of chimes
71. these names bear the spirits of those we love
72. We light this final candle for those joys and concerns which are as yet too tender to escape the folds of our heart. Let us hold each other in our care for another week.
73. a different pastoral prayer each week
74. "Light a final candle for those joys and concerns which remain unexpressed,"