

# Catholic Cemetery Conference Memorial Day Program

## “Serving God and Country: A Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes”

### USING A PRAYER BOX

There are many ways to include a Prayer Box as part of your Memorial Day program, either during Mass, or as part of a separate celebration.

For cemeteries that want to include a Prayer Box during the Presentation of Gifts at Mass, you might consider placing it in a prominent location throughout Memorial Day weekend, or perhaps even the week leading into Memorial Day. Leave instructions inviting visitors to write their prayers or the name of a loved one on the notepad (or index card), and place it in the Prayer Box.

A simple note pad or 3x5 index card, along with pencils or pens, should be supplied by the respective cemetery. (Please note some visitors might wish to include a photo in the Prayer Box).

**Mass:** We would suggest placing the Prayer Box at the back of the church or chapel prior to Memorial Day Mass. All attendees would be invited to write the names of a loved one, or perhaps include a special message or prayer in the Prayer Box. The Prayer Box could then be included as part of the Presentation of Gifts prior to Communion, and would receive a special Blessing, and then be placed in a special grave or tomb (of your choice).

Prayer Boxes are available in many different sizes and can be purchased from many different vendors.

To purchase a Prayer Box please visit either of the Website's below:

[www.mycatholicstore.com](http://www.mycatholicstore.com)

[www.churchsupplier.com](http://www.churchsupplier.com)