

# Lights Labeled

## BEAUTIFUL RAYS OF LIGHT

A Memorial Service  
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Officers are in their stations. Five tall candles, one of each Star Point color, are placed on the altar before this service begins.

Have as many officers, or members, to carry lighted smaller white candles to correspond with the number of names of deceased members you are to mention in this ceremony.

The Worthy Matron begins this degree by saying:

#### WORTHY MATRON:

At this time we shall present a short memorial service.

A soloist begins to sing an appropriate hymn. The familiar hymn "No Night There" which begins "In the land of fadeless day, Lies the cit-y four-square", would be very appropriate. During the singing of the hymn, the lighted white candles are carried slowly to the altar where they are placed reverently. The candle bearers return to their seats.

The Worthy Matron, or an Officer or Member selected by her, may act as "The READER" and begins the following as soon as the hymn is ended and the candles are placed.

#### READER:

In the land of Eternal Love shines a Star with five beautiful rays of exquisite colors: blue, yellow, white, green, and red. They shine in the day and throughout the night.

In periods of darkness, they shine their brightest, because it is at such times that their light is most needed and is most clearly seen.

The Star Point Officers arise simultaneously and stand facing the altar.

#### ADAH speaks:

Those who travel to the land of Eternal Love discover that for all who are in need of spiritual strength, with which to be faithful to all moral obligations, the Blue Ray shines in radiant splendor and leads the traveler safely along the way. ( Adah goes to the altar and lights the large blue candle. She remains at the altar. )

#### RUTH speaks:

When there is need for faithful obedience to the demand of honor and justice, a glorious golden glow overshines those who need help to see clearly, and to follow without deviation or detour, on the pathway which leads to the beautiful "cit-y four-square", located in the land of Eternal Love. (Ruth goes to the altar and lights the tall yellow candle. Remains at the altar.)

ESTHER speaks:

There, a pure White Ray imparts joy to all who are following the trail marked: Virtue of fidelity to kindred and friends. (Esther goes to the altar and lights the tall white candle.)

READER continues:

On the Path of Trials, where fear tries to barricade the way, and dark clouds of sorrow roll and thunder overhead, casting a shadow over the faces and into the hearts of travelers, a verdant Ray of Green overspreads the pathway of all who have to pass through the shadow of the valley which is on this trail. (Martha goes to the altar, lights the green candle and speaks as follows:)

MARTHA:

This green Ray pierces the shadows and, like a gentle breeze, the soft fingers of Hope touch the troubled brow of the traveler and brings him peace with faith in immortality.

READER:

On the outskirts of the cit-y four-square, the traveler comes to a river which is flowing swiftly over many projecting sharp rocks while rushing into a foaming, swirling rapids.

Those who approach this river hesitate because there seems no way into the cit-y four-square save to cross the rushing stream.

A boat which is moored at the river's edge seems too frail a craft in which to make the crossing in safety. Suddenly a glorious Rosy Light floods the scene. (Electa goes to the altar, lights the tall red candle and says:)

ELECTA:

The lovely light of Love is all around;  
In cities bright, in sleepy country town;  
And neither things long past nor things to come  
Can dim the beauty of our heavenly home.

READER continues:

A lovely voice, like a clear ringing bell on a still morning, is heard, saying: The river you see before you is the River of Life. The rapids are the dangers which one meets in his journey down the stream; but the little boat will bear you safely across, because its name is "Truth".

You will feel calm, and will be carried safely over the rapids, quickly to the other shore, if you stay in the boat. No matter what happens nor how the water seems to boil and foam; no matter how big or sharp the rocks in the channel, stay in the boat.

YOU WILL BE SAFE AS LONG AS YOU STAY IN THE BOAT.

In places, the way may seem dark; but a little candle, which is given to each traveler here, provides all the light that is needed, if the traveler stays in the boat.

When a safe crossing has been made, the little candle will be extinguished because its light is no longer needed, for the traveler has reached the "cit-y four-square" in which there is no night nor darkness. The gates to this city open automatically to admit all who reach it.

Tell me, have you any travelers to this celestial city?

The SECRETARY arises and reads the names of the deceased members. As the names are read, the corresponding candle is extinguished by the Star Point Officers.

The WORTHY MATRON says:

Let us unite in prayer.

The CHAPLAIN offers the following prayer:

Dear God and Father of us all,  
Forever near, so when we call  
You hear our faintest whisper;  
Hear us to-night, and let us see  
That all are ever safe with Thee -  
Be they - brother or sister.

Give us an understanding mind,  
So, in Thy Truth, we'll always find  
A Pilot for our barges;  
And whether here or in that land  
Where, all things, we shall understand  
'Twill free us from all charges.

A soloist, duet, or quartette now sings a familiar hymn. The hymn "Some Time We'll Understand" which begins "Not now but in the coming years, etc." would be very appropriate.

During the singing of the hymn, the officers leave the altar and return to their seats.

The End

