



Four Keys for Practicing Faith

Caring Conversations:

Share your fondest memories of your pet, or perhaps write a letter to your pet. Talk or write about what will be different in your life now. Allow yourself and others to grieve this loss openly and for as long as is necessary. If you have children who are concerned about where their pet is now, assure them that God loves all of God's creatures.

Devotions:

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind..." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kinds, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:24-25 (NRSV) □ What made your pet unique compared to others of their breed/species?

Service:

Plant a perennial that will bloom or grow fruit in your yard or in a planter. This will be a yearly reminder of the joy your pet brought to your life.

Rituals and Traditions:

Pray together: Creator God, you made (name) and all creatures, large and small. Thank you for (name) and for all the ways (name) blessed us. Be here now, as we say goodbye and give (name) back to you. Amen. Bless one another saying: "May the God of creation be with us in our sadness and comfort our spirits."