

2 Minute Talk Template 2018 for Memorial Masses

Good <morning/afternoon/evening>. For those of you who don't know me, I'm <name>, CAFOD's <role>, and I'm based at our office in <Office location>. Thank you <Father> for the opportunity to say a few words.

November is a special time within the Church. It's a time to come together and remember all those who have died and who continue to touch our lives. Our Mass today was a memorial to CAFOD supporters who have passed away in our diocese.

Many of us are here to remember someone special to us - perhaps thinking of a loving parent who taught you so much; a kind friend who always knew the right thing to say; a husband or wife you shared life's milestones with; or a child who filled your heart with joy. Today, we give thanks for their life and the love we shared.

Love makes us do incredible things. And love can extend beyond life.

We give thanks for the love of supporters who have remembered their worldwide family through a gift in their will. These final gifts make one in three of our international development projects possible.

We give thanks for the love of relatives and friends who have picked up the baton by making donations in memory. Some supporters have found comfort and hope by creating a CAFOD Candlelight Fund as a lasting tribute to their loved one. By donating in celebration of one life, they are touching thousands more around the world.

We give thanks for you and all our remarkable supporters, past and present, who reach out in your life, in your will and in your grief to help the poorest of the poor. With your faith, hope and love, no-one is beyond reach. Thank you for being part of the CAFOD family, and thank you for joining us today.

If you can stay a little longer, I invite you to light a candle, add a name to the Book of Remembrance and read about some of the people being remembered here today.

There will also be refreshments after Mass and it would be lovely to have a chance to chat and find out how I can help you in your parish.

If you're heading home, please feel free to pick up a couple of leaflets to read in your own time about CAFOD, Candlelight Funds or making a will.

Whatever your plans are for the rest of the <day/evening>, I hope you've enjoyed our service. Mass is also said each week for CAFOD supporters, past and present, so please know that you are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Thank you, and God bless you and your loved ones.