This ceremony asks for a wreath decorated with 4 white candles and flowers, or 4 vigil candles and a family Bible, to be adopted according to the particular circumstances. A parent, grandparent, sibling or friend may take the role of the presider.

INTRODUCTION
(To be read by a family member)
Our faith assures us that the life of every child, even if it be only for a few days or weeks within the womb, is part of God's plan. He who created us will never forget us. Scripture reminds us, "Can a mother forget her infant, or be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even if she should forget, I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name." (Isaiah 49:15-16).

The Naming Ceremony allows those who are suffering the loss of this child solemnly to remember the child and to write his/her name in the family book of life.

OPENING PRAYER
PRESIDER:
Father of all consolation
from whom nothing is hidden,
you know the faith of these parents
who mourn the death of their child.
May they find comfort in knowing
that he/she is entrusted to your loving care.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
you Son, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen.

The purpose of the readings at the ceremony is to proclaim the Paschal Mystery, teach the remembrance of the dead and convey a hope for the salvation of all God's children.

FIRST READING
Sirach 39:16-21, 32-35

The works of God are all of them good;
in its own time every need is supplied.
At his word the waters become still as in a flask;
he had but to speak and the reservoirs were made.
He has but to command and his will is done;
nothing can limit his achievements.

The works of all mankind are present to him;
not a thing escapes his eye.
His gaze spans all the ages;
to him there is nothing unexpected.
No cause then to say: "What is the purpose of this?"
Everything is chosen to satisfy a need.

So from the first I took my stand,
and wrote down as my theme:
The works of God are all of them good:
every need when it comes he fills.
No cause to say: "This is not as good as that";
for each shows its worth at the appropriate time.

So now with full joy of heart proclaim
and bless the name of the Holy One.

The Word of the Lord.

The four candles are lit one at a time during the recitation of the following litany. The litany can be read by one person, or a group of people, in which two sides are formed, alternating stanzas. The name of the child is inscribed in the family Bible with the last candle.

LITANY OF LIFE
Psalm 139:1-18

SIDE 1: O Lord, you have probed me and you know me;
you know when I sit and when I stand;
you understand my thoughts from afar.

SIDE 2: My journeys and my rest you scrutinize,
with all my ways you are familiar.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know the whole of it.

SIDE 1: Behind me and before,
you hem me in
and rest your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
too lofty for me to attain.

Light one candle.

SIDE 2: Where can I go from your spirit?
from your presence where can I flee?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I sink to the nether world,
you are present there.
SIDE 1: If I take the wings of the dawn, 
     if I settle at the farthest limits of the sea, 
     even there your hand shall guide me, 
     and your right hand hold me fast.

SIDE 2: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall 
     hide me, and night shall be my light" 
     for you darkness itself is not dark, 
     and night shines as the day.

Light the second candle.

SIDE 1: Truly you have formed my inmost being; 
     you knit me in my mother's womb. 
I give you thanks that I am fearfully, 
     wonderfully made; 
     wonderful are all your works.

SIDE 2: My soul also you knew 
     full well; 
     nor was my frame unknown to you 
When I was made in secret, 
     when I was fashioned in the depths 
     of the earth.

SIDE 1: Your eyes have seen my actions; 
     in your book they are written; 
     my days were limited before 
     one of them existed.

ALL: How weighty are your designs, O God; 
     how vast the sum of them! 
     Were I to recount them, they would 
     outnumber the sands; 
     did I reach the end of them, 
     I should still be with you.

Light the third candle. 
     The name given to the deceased child is now inscribed in the 
     family Bible. The fourth candle is lit.

GOSPEL READING 
Matthew 11:25-30

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus: "Father, Lord of heaven and earth, to you I offer praise; for what you have hidden from the learned and the clever you have revealed to the merest of children. Father, it is true. You have graciously willed it so. Everything has been given over to me by the Father, and no one knows the Father but the Son - and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal Him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light."

ALL: OUR FATHER...

PRAYER OF BLESSING
A minister who is a priest or deacon says the prayer of blessing with hands outstretched over the parents; a lay minister says the blessing with hands joined.

PRESIDER: 
     Lord, God of all creation, 
     we bless you and thank you for your tender care. 
接收 this life you have created in love and comfort 
     your faithful people in their time of loss with the 
     assurance of your unfailing mercy. We ask this 
     through Christ our Lord. ALL: AMEN

NAMING CEREMONY
This ceremony is a ritual act to help those who are 
     mourning the loss of a child, to express their sorrow 
     and to find strength and consolation through the gift 
     of faith in Christ and His resurrection to eternal life. 
     Our faith tells us that every human person is created 
     in the image of God. From the very moment of 
     conception God wills us into being and desires that 
     we should spend eternal life with Him. We are 
     made for immortality. Our soul does not perish 
     when it separates from the body at death, but will be 
     reunited with the body at the final resurrection. (cf. 
     Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 366)

The Church teaches us that with "regards to children 
     who have died without Baptism, [she] can only 
     entrust them to the mercy of God. Indeed, the 
     great mercy of God who desires that all men should be 
     saved, and Jesus' tenderness towards children which 
     caused Him to say: 'Let the children come to me, do 
     not hinder them' (Mark 10:14), allows us to hope that 
     there is a way of salvation for children who 
     have died without Baptism" (CCC, no. 1261). We, the 
     living faithful, can acknowledge this hope by 
     actively participating in a ceremony which gives 
     dignity and recognition to a deceased child.