

Bells Across AMERICA FOR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS



JOIN US FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL BELLS ACROSS AMERICA FOR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL WEEKEND

October 11 -12, 2014

The bells at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel in Emmitsburg, Maryland will ring as the Memorial Service begins on Sunday, October 12. But local groups can hold the moment of remembrance at any time during Memorial Weekend. Invite your local places of worship and other community groups to be part of this national remembrance for America's fallen firefighters.



For more information about how you can participate in Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters please visit

www.BellsAcrossAmerica.com

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What time should the bells ring?

Bells can be rung at any time of the day. You and the member of the clergy can determine what works best for your congregation. As we get closer to the Memorial Weekend we will post the time that the Memorial Chapel Bells will ring on www.bellsacrossamerica.com. We don't expect all places of worship to ring their bells at the same time. Different time zones, timing of local services and other factors play a role. Work with your clergy to decide what is best.

Is there a program or script that we need to follow?

Each department representative should work with his or her clergy to decide what is best. Some suggested service ideas could include: a moment of silence, a brief prayer, a hymn, a bell toll by members of the Fire Department, or any combination of these.

My congregation doesn't have bells. What can we do instead?

We want everyone to participate in some way. Your congregation can still have a moment of silence, prayer, song or other form of remembrance during your worship service. You can also ring a ceremonial bell during the service. Work with your clergy to decide what's right for the congregation.

My church has multiple services on Sundays and can't ring the bells at each one. Can we just ring the bells once?

Absolutely. You may want to have a moment of remembrance at each service and inform the congregants that the bells will ring in honor of the fallen firefighters at a certain time. Work with your clergy to decide what is best.

Do we have to ring the bells a certain number of times?

You can ring the bells in any manner.

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