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Funeral for the victims of Germanwings

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USPA NEWS - An emotional funeral presided by the Kings Felipe VI and Letizia, and in which the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths were twinned, in Spain put an end to the tributes to the victims of the tragedy of Germanwings.

In addition to the Kings of Spain, attended the state funeral held in the Basilica of the Holy Family in Barcelona, the Spanish prime minister, Mariano Rajoy; President of the regional government of Catalonia, Artur Mas; Presidents of the Congress and the Senate of Spain; 52 families of victims of the tragedy and 150 school students Llinars del Vallés, which had hosted the deceased German students who had participated in a student exchange. Indeed, students of the Catalan school lit 150 candles, one for each victim of the tragedy of Germanwings, which were the light that illuminated absent.

Also attending the church service representatives Lufthansa and Germanwings, and representatives of the evangelist, Jewish and Muslim communities in Catalonia. The Catholic Mass was officiated by Cardinal Archbishop of Barcelona, Lluis Martinez Sistach, who had a memory for earthquake victims in Nepal and the shipwrecks of migrants in the Mediterranean. In his homily, the prelate asked the families of the victims of the tragedy Germanwings not paralyze their lives and have courage to continue living.

The Mass was officiated in six different languages, as many as nationalities of the victims of the tragedy, which occurred on March 24 and that the lives of 150 people dead, including 144 passengers and six crew. The investigation of the disaster continues and it seems that the co-pilot flight 4U9525, covering the route Barcelona-Dusseldorf, Andreas Lubitz, crashed the plane voluntarily. On Monday it was announced that the remains of victims could be repatriated to their home within two weeks.

"Since March 24, your pain unites us, makes us more human," he told the family Cardinal Martínez Sistach. Meanwhile, Guillem Correa, a member of the Evangelical Council of Catalonia, said that "every human tragedy confronts us with our littleness" and order no relatives seeking solace in those who love them. An emotional Jorge Burdman, religious leader of the Jewish community of Barcelona, asked: "How to understand and explain the pain?" It is, in all languages, a harsh word he said, and added that "the families of the victims, are familiar to all of us today." Mohamed Abhuldebhoum, the Catalan Islamic community, wished "all the dead have peace" and called for "wholeness and peace to our souls."

The state funeral attended by 1,500 people. The most emotional moments were experienced after Mass, when the Kings Felipe VI and Letizia gave his condolences to each of the family members present in the basilica. Los Reyes showed their closeness to the suffering of the families, some of whom lingered a few minutes to convey their solidarity. Also with children, double innocent victims of the tragedy of Germanwings.

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