Christian Preamble.

The following may be added as a preamble immediately before the first Article of a Last Will and Testament or Trust, subject to approval by local counsel.

 The Settlor hereby shares the following beliefs and statements with his family and all who read this.

 First, I want my loved ones to know that I place full confidence and trust in my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who promised: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26).

Second, knowing that the wages of sin is death, I believe that Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, suffered and died for the forgiveness of all my sins - forgiveness which I neither deserve nor merit, but receive as a free gift of God, who is rich in grace and mercy.

 Third, I remind all my loved ones of the words of our Savior, found in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." Those who survive me should have the comfort of knowing that I have died in his faith and now have joined my Lord in eternal glory.

 Fourth, I praise God for giving me a loving, caring, Christian helpmate in my wife. She has been a blessing to me, and a wonderful mother to our children. Knowing that we both share our faith in Jesus as our Savior, we will praise the Lord forever in Heaven.

 Fifth, I pray that the Lord would guard and protect my children. You are very special to me, and I thank the Lord for you. Through your baptism you have been received into God’s family, and I urge you to remain faithful to Christ until you are called home to be with the Lord. I love you, and I look forward to eternity with you in Heaven.

 Sixth, I pray that the Lord would show His blessings upon my grandchildren. May the Holy Spirit guide you along the narrow path of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. I urge you to respect your parents and honor them as your parents have honored me.

 Seventh, I recognize that all of my earthly possessions are a gift from God. Therefore, I have made provisions in my Trust for a gift that will continue my Christian stewardship after I have gone to Heaven to be with the Lord. I trust that what I offer as a gift will be blessed many times over by the Lord in building His kingdom.

 Eighth, may my heirs always remember that their inheritance from me and everything they have is a trust from God. Be good and wise stewards of His blessings, managing wisely and returning to Him a generous portion for the work in His kingdom.

 In the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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