



Wake Service for a Knight of Columbus

Priest or Leader: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest or Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, a gentle Father and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows, so that we can offer others, in their sorrows, the consolation that we have received from God ourselves.

Priest or Leader: A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians: "If I should speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have charity, I have become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And if I have prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all Faith so as to remove mountains, yet do not have charity, I am nothing, and if I distribute all my goods to feed the poor and if I deliver my body to be burned, yet do not have charity, it profits me nothing.

Charity is patient, is kind; charity does not envy, is not pretentious, is not puffed up, is not ambitious, is not self-seeking, is not provoked: thinks no evil, does not rejoice over wickedness, but rejoices with the truth; bears with all things...so there abide Faith, Hope, and Charity, these three but the greatest of these is Charity."

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Priest or Leader: We have heard the words of St. Paul on charity, the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. Let us, in charity, pray for our Brother Knight that God may grant him the promises of Christ, eternal life and happiness. Let us also pray for ourselves that through the virtue of charity we might be living witnesses to Christ and of mankind's victory over sin and death.

Leader: That all our Brother Knights who have preceded us into the fullness of life might be an inspiration for us, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That all who suffer may find significance in their suffering and sorrow by understanding Christ's message of new life, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That God may grant **N.**, all our Brother Knights and all the Faithful Departed light and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That through the inspiration of **N.'s** earthly life we might become better Knights of Columbus and more faithful followers of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That the family of **N.** may not languish in fruitless and unavailing grief, but that they may be comforted by the words of Faith until they greet Christ in glory and are united with **N.** in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest or Leader: Let us prayer with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us....**Our Father....**

Priest or Leader: The Second Vatican Council tells us that "Each individual layman must stand before the world as a witness to the Resurrection and life of the Lord Jesus and as a sign that God lives." This was the challenge fulfilled by **N.** as a Knight of Columbus.

During his earthly life **N.**, under the guidance of Holy Mother Church conformed his life to the teaching of Christ.

All: Lord, help us to do likewise.

Priest or Leader: During his earthly life **N.** showed respect for all lawful authority, forming a right conscience so that he could freely obey the lawful demands made upon him.

All: Lord, help us to do likewise.

Priest or Leader: The words Charity, Unity, and Fraternity are clearly written into the ceremonials or our Order. But they are only words until they are given life in and actions of men. For **N.**, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity were not mere words, but rather they were living realities as shown in his actions.

All: Lord, help us to do likewise.

Priest or Leader: O Heavenly Father we ask you to help us to be worthy Knights of Columbus. We ask you in your infinite mercy to grant our Brother Knight **N.** eternal peace.

May his soul, and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, rest in peace.

All: Amen.