



SECULAR FRANCISCAN WAKE SERVICE



INTRODUCTION

We, the San Damiano Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, are here to offer our sympathy to (Name's) family and friends and to pray with you.

(Name) was a member of the San Damiano Fraternity for (___ years). He made his Rite of Profession as a Secular Franciscan on (Date/Year). (Name) served the fraternity in many ways (list offices and apostolates).

LEADER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the God of Hope give you the fullness of peace and may the Lord of Life be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

THE CANTICLE OF BROTHER SUN

(to be read slowly)

LEADER: St. Francis, in writing the Canticle, wanted to teach us that we are connected with all of creation and with one another.

LEADER: Most High, all powerful, good Lord. Yours are the praises, the glory, the honor, and all blessing. To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and no one is worthy to mention Your name. Praised be You, my Lord, with all your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun.

ALL: Who is the day and through whom You give us light, and he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor; and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.

LEADER: Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,

ALL: in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

LEADER: Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,

ALL: and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather -- through which You give sustenance to Your creatures.

LEADER: Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,

ALL: which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

LEADER: Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,

ALL: and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

LEADER: Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth,

ALL: who sustains and governs us, and who produces varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

LEADER: Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love,

ALL: and bear infirmity and tribulation.

LEADER: Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,

ALL: from whom no living person can escape.

LEADER: Woe to those who die in mortal sin.

ALL: Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm.

LEADER: Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks.

ALL: and serve Him with great humility.

LEADER: (Name) was united more closely with the Lord and with us through the observance of our way of life. As he strove to follow this Rule of Life, may the Lord now take him to Himself and grant him a place among His saints in glory.

Sing "Peace Prayer" (or other suitable hymn)

While the first verse of the hymn is being sung by the Fraternity, a member of the Fraternity places a copy of the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order in the casket or suitable place by the casket.

(Song lyrics on back side)



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(Side 2) SING: “PEACE PRAYER “

(1) Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

(2) Make me a channel of your peace. Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there’s sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

(3) Make me a channel of your peace. It is pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

READING

(By a member of the family or a Fraternity member)

Wisdom 3:1-9 or Romans 8:18-27, 6:3-9

A short period of silent reflection after the reading

LEADER: As the moment of his death drew near, Saint Francis requested that a book of the Gospels be brought to him and asked to have a certain passage from St. John read:

READING

(By a Professed member of the Fraternity)

John 13:1-17

A short period of silent reflection after the reading

Optional A decade of the Rosary may be led by a member of the Fraternity.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

LEADER: Christ Jesus, give comfort to the family and friends of (Name) that they may receive your consolation in their grief.

ALL: Lord, you are our life and resurrection.

LEADER: Our brother was united with us in the Franciscan family. Grant him all that was promised by our Father Francis.

ALL: Lord, you are our life and resurrection.

LEADER: Our brother was fed with your Body and Blood. May he find a place at table with you at the heavenly banquet.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER: May eternal rest be granted unto him, O Lord.

ALL: And let perpetual light shine upon him.

LEADER: May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. And now let us join our hearts together in the words Our Savior gave us

ALL: “*Our Father who art in heaven...*”

SING: “AMAZING GRACE”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved and set me free. I once was lost but now I’m found, was blind but now I see.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail and mortal life shall cease. Amazing grace shall then prevail in heaven’s joy and peace.

LEADER: Before we take leave of our brother for the last time, let us bless him with the blessing of Saint Francis.

ALL raise their right hand toward the casket and pray:

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He show His face to you and be merciful to you. May He turn His countenance to you and give you peace. May God bless you, (Name).

LEADER: Our prayer for our brother has ended. Let us go now, and until that time when the Lord shall gather us all into His Kingdom, let us live in His peace.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

LEADER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.