

Oration to: Marion and Orville Revord
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The Trisagion Prayers

- In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

O Heavenly King, O Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who are in all places and fill all things, The Treasury of good things and the Giver of life: Come and abide in, cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Good One. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us (Three Times).

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, cleanse us from our sins; O Master, pardon our transgressions. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy (Three Times).

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

On behalf of The Revord Family and the Collin's Family I wish to welcome you to the putting to rest of Orville and Marian Revord. We all knew that someday this moment was to come not only for them, but also for ourselves in the not too distant future; for we must all walk that same path. And I want to tell you that as they approached that moment as Christians, Orville and Marian Revord demonstrated a 'Hope' in just believing as they approached that moment. This moment of death is where Christians believe that Christ will be waiting to welcome them into His Kingdom of Heaven. This is the hope they had as they approached that moment; a hope that the world does not and cannot have. I am not speaking of a dead hope, but a living hope in the risen Saviour Jesus Christ, Messiah of Israel.

1 Peter 1:3 tells us

“...Blessed be God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...”

We are not talking about just a spiritual resurrection after death where the spirit goes to be with Christ, but a real physical future resurrection of the body that awaits us.

King David of Israel once said in the Psalms 16:7-11

“... I will bless the Lord, who hath given me council:
my rains also instruct me in the night seasons.
I have set the Lord always be for me:
Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad and my Glory rejoiceth:

My flesh also shall rest in hope.

For thou wilt not leave my soul and hell:

Neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy;

At thy right hand there are pleasures for ever more...

Hope is what Orville and Marion Revord had before they left us. A hope they had in the resurrected Jesus Christ and a hope of eternal life with Him.

The Apostle Paul tells the Colossian Christians...

“... For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, wherefore ye heard before in word of the truth of the gospel; which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; And bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of god and truth...”¹

Orville and Marian Revord demonstrated throughout their lifetime a growing demonstration of their faith in Christianity which was accelerated by a commitment made by both to Jesus Christ within a Billy Graham Televised Crusade at our home on Winslow Street in Wayne, Michigan.¹ where they, ‘as I heard’ kneeled down in front of the T.V. set and received Christ as Savior, after that it was all participation with the doctrines of Christ which began slowly entering our lives as a new Christian family from different times and standpoints.

The Christian experience of Orville and Marion Revord did not start there in the Billy Graham Crusade, it all started when they were kids going to church with their families and hearing Christian concepts of truth. The seeds were

¹ When I was a young pre-teen

planted in their youth and finding good soil in Waters, Michigan the seeds new life sprang out!

It was under the leadership of Rev. Peter Porta, “**of blessed memory**” whose faithful teaching of the Gospel in this area and in particular the teaching of the Priesthood of the believer in Christ Jesus, our High Priest after the order of Melchisedec was taught!

I believe the fruit of those teaching were seen in the developing virtues within their lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is what I believe should be reminisced about; that they both demonstrated in their lifetime, a faith and hope that grew in the family life. If they are to be remembered, then we should remember the visible Fruit of virtue that became theirs because of their participation in the Priesthood of the believer in Christ the Messiah of Israel.

Here is **visible proof** of God’s Spirit’s involvement in their life is - the fruit of the Holy Spirit that we find in Galatians 5:22:

“... But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance**; against such there is no law...”

It is these attributes of Orville and Marion Revord that should be remembered.

1. Love-
2. Joy- There was joy in our family!
3. Peace- There was peace and quietness that only comes from God’s Spirit
4. Longsuffering-

5. Gentleness-
6. Goodness-
7. Faith-
8. Meekness-
9. Temperance

This is the Hope that they rested upon as they approached death, which for the Christian is to pass through this veil of death to Life Everlasting.



¹ Colossians 1:4-6