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Why you should pray for Father McGivney's intercession.

Father McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, may become a saint, after being declared venerable in 2008, which means that he displayed "heroic virtue" in his life.

The story of Alfred Downes displays Father McGivney's heroic faith in action. Downes, one of Father McGivney's young parishioners, was in danger of being separated from his family. His father had just died, and the courts required that legal guardians come forward for each of the Downes children if the family could not pay the necessary legal fees. Only when Father McGivney stepped in and offered to pay the bond was the family left intact.

Situations like this inspired Father McGivney to create the Knights of Columbus, the largest Catholic fraternal insurance organization in the world. He wanted to make sure that no family would become destitute if the breadwinner died. He also wanted to ensure that Catholic men could remain strong in the faith. His legacy continues to inspire the Knights today.

Father McGivney continues to exhibit his heroic virtue while in eternity with God.

Have an intention? You can ask for Father McGivney's intercession by offering this prayer:

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For prayers to Father McGivney and other prayers visit our website at the address below.

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