

Naming Ceremony of.....

Date:



Ladies and Gentlemen, family and friends,

I would like to welcome you to the naming ceremony of the first child of Tracey and Souli.

We have come here to recognise the special responsibilities of parents to their child; to acknowledge the role of grandparents; and to appoint godparents who will accept an important role in mentoring Kayles on his journey through life. But most of all, we have come to rejoice in life and celebrate the precious gift of this child.

What pleasure there is in the feel of a newborn nestling in our arms, the smile of a toddlers responding to our love, the small, outstretched arms reaching for a hug, and a tiny upturned face planting a wet kiss on our cheeks.

Time will bring toys on floors and balls on lawns, a happy, healthy child plating in the yard. There will be bruises to kiss, report cards to praise, and drawings to display on refrigerator doors.

A child brings pleasure and wonder into the lives of those who bring it into the world, but also mean s greater responsibility; for what the child becomes is largely what you, as parents, bring into his life.

Readings

As a community of friends and family, we all share in the responsibility to provide the atmosphere in which a child develops as a person, so it is important that we remember that:

- A child who lives with criticism, learns to condemn.
- A child who lives with hostility, learns to fight.
- A child who lives with ridicule, learns to be shy.
- A child who lives with shame, learns to feel guilty.

BUT,

- A child who lives with tolerance, learns to be patient.
 - A child who lives with encouragement, learns confidence.
 - A child who lives with fairness, learns justice.
 - A child who lives with approval, learns to like himself
- When a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.

Blessings and Benedictions

Babies are angels that fly to earth
Their wings disappear at the time of their birth
One look in their eyes and we're never the same
They're part of us now and that part has a name
That part is your heart and a bond that won't sever
Our babies are angels and we'll love them forever.

Blessings from God Parents – Uncle Andrew and Aunty Kelly

Reader One – **Godparent**

Bless this little boy,
Let him grow healthy and strong,
And when he faces indecision,
Help to show him right from wrong.

Reader Two – **Godparent**

Bless this little boy,
Keep him happy safe and warm,
And when he faces danger,
Steer him away from harm.

Reader Three – **Godparent**

Bless this little boy,
Let love fill his life,
And while you watch over him,
Keep him safe from strife.

Reader Four – **Godparent**

Bless this little boy,
Teach him patience and trust,
And if he follows the wrong path,
Show him honesty is a must.

Read by Celebrant:

Kayles, today we officially welcome you. We wish you long life and much happiness. May you face all challenges that come to you as a person of integrity? May you continue to bring great joy to your parents, your grandparents, family, friends and all of those who will come to know you?

May wonder fill you and love surround you.
May your step be steady and your arm be strong.
May your heart be peaceful and your word be true.
May you seek to learn, may you learn to live.
May you live to love, and may you love – always.

Affirmation/Promises by Parents

Parenthood is the ultimate expression and the severest test of marriage. The greatest act of love parents have to give their children is the love they express for each other. The interactions between mother and father, husband and wife form the web of the relationship that serves as the child's nest. Children learn about men and women, communication, caring, respect, feelings, conflict and love by watching their parents.

Celebrant: Tracey and Souli, you have brought your child here to be welcomed into the community, and into his circle of your family and friends. What name have you chosen?

Parents: We have chosen the Name: Kayles

Celebrant: Will you care for Kayles, clothe him, shelter and protect him, for as long as he needs you?

Parents: We Will

Celebrant: Will you try to show Kayles, by your example, how to live a good life and help him acquire the basic human values of kindness , honesty and tolerance of others?

Parents: We Will

Celebrant: Will you surround Kayles with affection and unconditional love? Will you encourage and support him as he grows up, helping especially in times of trouble, and making as sure as you can that no harm comes near him?

Parents: We Will

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Celebrant: Tracey and Souli, you have accepted your responsibilities as parents, you have professed your love for your child and your hopes for his future, I now ask you, what names do you give this child?

Parents: We give him the names: Kayles, which has been made up using the letters of your grandparents names. May you take this little part of them with you always.

Candle Lighting

Celebrant: Kelly and Andrew, Tracey and Souli have selected you to be the godparents of Kayles. To symbolise your union with him and his family, Tracey and Souli have asked each of you to help to light Kayles' candle. Do you accept this honour?

Godparents: We Do (godparents light their candles from the taper)

Celebrant: Con and Tina, Lesley and Jeff, you are the grandparents of Kayles. As grandparents, you have a special connection with your grandson. To symbolise the deep and loving bond that you have with Kayles and your son and daughter, they have asked that you help to light Kayles' candle.

maternal and paternal grandparents light their candle from the taper

Celebrant: Tracey and Souli will now light a candle to symbolise where they have come from and the love they commit to sharing with their son, Kayles as he grows.

parents light their candle from the taper

Celebrant: As the 5 candles join with one another, making one brighter and more lasting flame we light Kayles' candle and this flame of love symbolises the unity of family, and how all of your lives will be richer because of your common love for Kayles.

Signing of the certificate

I would now like to invite Tracey, Souli along with Kayles' Godparents Kelly and Andrew to join me as we sign the certificate.

Conclusion and presentation of certificate

Being aware of how inter-related our lives are lets us show Kayles that a good life is one where each of us is strengthened by the affection and friendship of others. May we all benefit from our involvement with this child, and with each other.

Kayles, we wish you a long life full of happiness and good health, in a loving and a peaceful world. May you bring joy to your parents and to all those lives you touch.

This ceremony will in no way inhibit Kayles from seeking the truth during his life and any future religious or non-religious commitments of belief. In fact, it is the duty of us all in the coming years, to present him with a broad and balanced view of life.

I have the pleasure of presenting to you Kayles

On behalf of Tracey and Souli I would like to thank you all for taking part in this ceremony. Please enjoy the rest of the day.