

## The Prayers

Faithful and loving God,  
bless those who care for these children  
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.  
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,  
and protect their home from all evil.  
Fill them with the light of your presence  
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

God of grace and life,  
in your love you have given us  
a place among your people;  
keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and prepare us for that glorious day  
when the whole creation will be made perfect  
in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

*The Minister shall introduce the Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray with confidence  
as our Saviour has taught us

All **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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## The Dismissal

*The Minister may bless the people  
with these or other suitable words*

God, who in his Christ gives us a spring of water  
welling up to eternal life,  
perfect in you the image of his glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

*A Minister dismisses the people*

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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# Baptism of Children

*Public Baptism as a separate service.*

## The Preparation

*The Minister says*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the  
kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water  
and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as the sign  
and seal of this new birth. Here we are washed by  
the Holy Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed  
with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen  
life. As children of God, we have a new dignity and  
God calls us to fullness of life.

*The Minister may read from scripture  
and explain baptism in a brief address.*

## Presentation of the Candidates

*The Minister addresses the whole congregation*

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the  
Lord is adding to our number those whom he is call-  
ing. People of God, will you welcome these children  
and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

*Congregation* **With the help of God, we will.**

*The Minister then says to the parents and godparents*

Parents and godparents, the Church receives these  
children with joy. Today we are trusting God for  
their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw  
them by your example into the community of faith  
and walk with them in the way of Christ?

*(God)parents* **With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism these children begin their journey in faith.  
You speak for them today. Will you care for them,  
and help them to take their place within the life and  
worship of Christ's Church?

*(God)parents* **With the help of God, we will.**



## The Decision

*The Minister addresses the candidates through their parents,  
godparents and sponsors*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his mar-  
vellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and  
rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

*Minister* Do you turn to Christ?

*(God)parents* **I turn to Christ.**

*Minister* Do you repent of your sins?

*(God)parents* **I repent of my sins.**

*Minister* Do you renounce evil?

*(God)parents* **I renounce evil.**

## Signing with the Cross

The Minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate, saying

Christ claims you for his own.  
Receive the sign of his cross.

When all are signed these words are said

Do not be ashamed to confess  
the faith of Christ crucified.

All **Fight valiantly under the banner of Christ  
against sin, the world and the devil,  
and continue his faithful soldier(s) and servant(s)  
to the end of your lives.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of  
darkness, restore in you the image of his glory,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All **Amen.**



## Prayer over the Water

All gather at the baptismal font.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
for your gift of water in creation;  
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,  
bringing light and life;  
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,  
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,  
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,  
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit  
move upon these waters.

Restore through them the beauty of your creation,  
and bring those who are baptized  
to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,  
anoint your children with power from on high,  
and make them one with Christ  
in the freedom of your kingdom.

For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,  
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

## Profession of faith

The Minister says

Let us affirm, together with these who are being  
baptized, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
who made the world?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who redeemed mankind?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## Baptism

The Minister pours water on each infant saying

N, I baptize you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Minister says

May God, who has received you by baptism into his  
Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that  
within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may  
daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to  
the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All **Amen.**

## Giving of a Lighted Candle

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized..

When all have received a candle a Minister says

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**



## The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: *N and N*,  
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**