

may *he/she* die to sin, walk in newness of life
and share in Christ's resurrection.

Being born anew,
may *he/she* continue strong in the faith
firm to the end,
and live *his/her* life to your glory,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for *[Name]*'s parents; give them the spirit of wisdom and love, to teach their children your ways so that they may grow up to love and honour you, and that their home may share the joy of your eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

We also pray for the godparents, that by their life and witness they may be a source of encouragement and support to *[Name]* and *his/her* parents. Enable them to share with their *godson/goddaughter* what you have revealed to us in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Let us conclude with the prayer of all disciples of Christ.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

We have drawn near to God with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. Amen.

Celebrating the Baptism of *[Name of Child]*

The Minister addresses the congregation

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he gave his disciples a command and a promise.

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you; and I shall always be with you, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

We have come together in the name of the risen Jesus, who is with us today as he has promised. We have come to baptise *[Name]* as a follower of Christ, as he commanded, and as a public witness to God's grace towards *him/her* in Jesus Christ. Our whole life is stained and soiled by sin. Washing with water is a sign of forgiveness, that we are made clean in God's sight, through our being united with Christ in his death and resurrection. To those who are baptised into Christ, God promises new life through his Holy Spirit. As the apostle Peter said:

Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.

Let us therefore pray for *[Name]* who is to be baptised today, that *he/she* may receive what God has promised in the forgiveness of sins and gift of his Holy Spirit.

The Minister and congregation pray this prayer together

Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank you for your great goodness in calling us to know you and to put our trust in you. Increase this knowledge and strengthen our faith. We thank you for the promise of your Holy Spirit to [Name] who is to be baptised into your name. We pray that he/she, being born again, may enjoy the benefits of everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Minister addresses the parents and the congregation, all standing

Let us now confess the faith of Christ's Church, into which [Name] is to be baptised.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy apostolic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The minister addresses the parents

Have you turned to Christ and trust in him alone for your salvation?

I have.

Do you ask for baptism for [Name], believing God's covenant and promises belong to you and to your children?

I do.

Will you, by God's grace, strive to ensure that [Name] will reject the false values of this fallen world; will reject the sinful desires of our fallen human nature; and will reject the devil and all his works?

With God's help, I will.

Will you, by God's grace, strive to bring up [Name] as a disciple of Christ, teaching him/her to keep God's commandments and to serve him faithfully throughout his/her life?

With God's help, I will.

The minister addresses the godparents

Will you pray for [Name], offering your support and encouragement to him/her and to his/her parents as they bring him/her up to love and serve the Lord?

With God's help, I will.

The minister says to the congregation

As [Name]'s parents respond to Christ's call by bringing their son/daughter for baptism, will you support them and [Name] in this high calling?

We will do so.

[Name], I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

[Name],

**we receive and welcome you as a member of the body of Christ,
as a child of the same heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor with us of the kingdom of God.**

The minister continues.

I sign you with the sign of the cross.

You are not to be ashamed of Christ and his cross, as you encounter the world, the flesh and the devil; but continue to be a faithful disciple of Jesus, until your life's end.

The congregation responds, saying

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and look for his coming again.**

The minister continues

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

We delight in giving him thanks and praise.

Thank you Father

that you have called [Name]

to new birth in the fellowship of your Church,
through the washing of water with the word.

Being buried with Christ in his death,