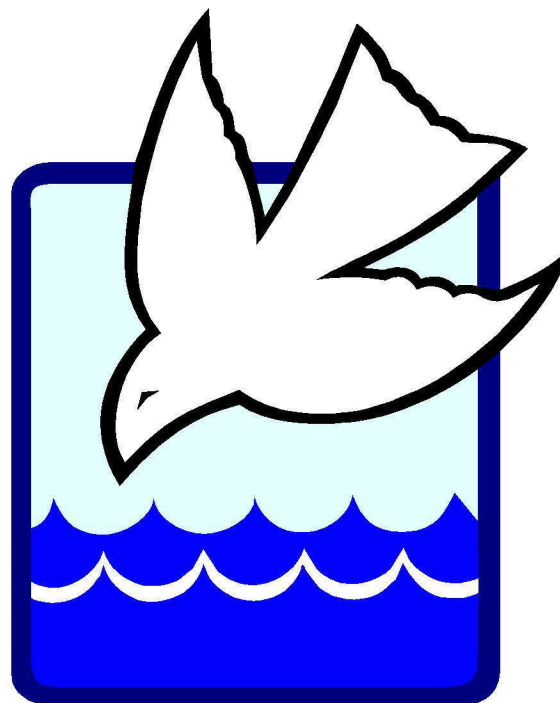


A Reading from Saint Mark's Gospel

People were bringing little children to him in order that he lay his hands on them in blessing; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Prayers and Readings For Holy Baptism



Name of Child
Date of Baptism

BAPTISM PRAYERS

1. *A prayer for the child*

Lord God our Father, maker of heaven and earth, we thank you that by your Holy Spirit (*Name of child/ren*) has been born again into new life, adopted for your own and received into the fellowship of your Church.

Grant that (*Name of child/ren*) may grow into the faith into which *he/she/they* has been baptised, and that *he* may profess it for *himself* when he comes to be confirmed, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grown in *him/her/them*. **Amen**

2. *A prayer for the child's home*

God our Father, whose Son our Lord grew up in a home at Nazareth; we pray for (*Name of child/ren*) home, that it may be hallowed by prayer and be the abode of love, joy and peace. Give to *name's* parents care and understanding in bringing *name* up; and may they by their teaching and example, lead (*Name of child/ren*) in the way of Christ, that *he/she* may grow in grace and in the knowledge of your love. We ask in Jesus' name. **Amen**

3. *A prayer for the parents*

Father in heaven, bless these parents, *N and N*, that they may cherish their child: make them wise and understanding, to help (*Name of child/ren*) as *he/she* grows up and surround this family with the light of your truth and the warmth of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

4. *A prayer for Godparents*

God and Father of us all, we pray for those who have undertaken the responsibility of serving as Godparents for (*Name of child/ren*)

Help them by your grace to fulfil their duties and keep them faithful in prayer; that their godchild may grow up in the knowledge of your love and in the faith of Jesus Christ,

to serve and worship you all their days in the fellowship of the Church and to your glory. We ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**