

**A PRAYER FOR HOLY BAPTISM BRIEFLY – HOW TO BAPTIZE A CHILD
BECAUSE OF FEAR OF DEATH**

Need: Fresh (not Holy) water.

Optional: Olive oil, Holy Chrism (if a Priest performs the service), white baptismal garment.

Priest: Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, always now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

Layman: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God have mercy on us.

Reader: Amen.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. 3x
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities, O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. 3x

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father Who art in the heavens, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

Layman: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God have mercy on us.

Reader: Amen.

**Priest:/
Layman** Let us pray to the Lord.

Reader: Lord have mercy!

**Priest:/
Layman** O Lord God Almighty, the Author of all creation, both visible and invisible, Who didst make heaven and the earth, and the sea, and all that is therein, Who didst gather the waters together in one place, Who didst close up the deep and seal it by Thy terrible and glorious name, Who didst raise up the waters to be above the heavens; Thou didst found the earth

upon the waters, Thou didst establish the sea by Thy might, Thou didst break the heads of the dragons in the waters; terrible art Thou, and who shall oppose Thee? Look, O Lord, upon this Thy creature, and on this water, and give it the grace of redemption, the blessing of Jordan, make it a fountain of incorruption, a gift of sanctification, the absolution of sins, a remedy of ailments, the destruction of demons, unassailable by hostile powers, filled with angelic might, let those who would ensnare thy creature flee far from it; for we have called upon thy name, O Lord, and it is marvelous and glorious, and terrible unto adversaries.

And immediately he pours olive oil upon the water. Then he baptizes the child (ideally by immersion, but pouring is permissible if immersion is not possible):

The servant of God *NAME* is baptized, in the name of the Father. Amen. And of the Son. Amen. And of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

And immediately he vests the child in a white garment (if possible). If a Priest performs the service, he anoints him with Holy Chrism on the brow, the eyes, the nostrils, the lips, both ears, the breast, the hands, and the feet, saying with each anointment:

The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Note: a layman would not have access to the Holy Chrism. This is not critical. If the child lives the Priest can anoint him with Holy Chrism in the church later.

After this, he goes around the font with the child (if possible), chanting according to the order of baptism:

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. 3x

Priest: Dismissal.

Layman: *Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God have mercy on us.*