

The Order for the Visitation of the Sick

The following Service, or any part thereof, may be used at the discretion of the Priest.

As the Priest comes into the sick person's presence, he says:
Peace be unto you.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. Amen.

Dominus regit me

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever. Amen.

Prayer for Healing

O God, the strength of the weak and those who suffer: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to Your servant, *N*, the help of Your power, that *his* sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

If the sick person desires to make his confession, the following form may be used . If not, the service continues.

Let us, therefore, confess our sins to the Lord and to each other. *Jas 5:16*.

Silence may be kept.

Priest and People together, all kneeling:

I confess to Almighty God, the Lord of heaven and earth, and to you, my brothers and sisters: that I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and deeds through my own fault. Have mercy upon us, O God: After Your great goodness, according to the multitude of Your mercies, pardon our offenses and cleanse us from our sins for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

OR if the time is short:

I confess all my sins both known and unknown.

Absolution by the Priest

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you Absolution and Remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit (*Mt 18:18*). *Amen.*

Priest:

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you, and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore (*Num 7:22*). *Amen.*

In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality

Almighty God, in this time of grievous sickness, we come to You for strength and relief. Deliver us from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Sick Person

Almighty God, our only help in time of need; We humbly ask You to visit, and relieve Your sick servant, *N*, for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon *him* with the eyes of Your mercy; strengthen *him* with a sense of Your goodness; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy; and give *him* patience under *his* affliction. Enable *him* to lead the residue of *his* life in Your fear, and to Your glory; and grant that finally *he* may dwell with You in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Sick

O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, Who by Your word healed all diseases; Who raised the mother-in-law of Your chosen Disciple, Peter, from her sickbed; Who in Your pity and goodness bears all our infirmities: Come now to help Thy servant, *N*. Heal *him* of every sickness which afflicts *him*. Raise *him* from this malady and send down upon *him* Your great mercy and, if it is Your will, grant *him* health and a complete recovery. For You are the Physician of our souls and bodies, and unto You we ascribe glory, together with Your Father Who is from everlasting, and Your all-holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit. *Amen*.

For a Sick Child

O Heavenly Father, watch over the sick child, *N*, for whom our prayers are offered, and grant that *he* may be restored to that perfect health which it is Yours alone to give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

For a Person under Affliction

O Merciful God, Who has taught us in Your holy Word that You do not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men: Look with pity, we beseech You, upon the sorrows of Your servant, *N*, for Whom our prayers are offered; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

For the Recovery of a Sick Person

O Merciful God, giver of life and health: Bless, we pray You, Your servant, *N*, and those who administer to *him* of Your healing gifts; that *he* may be restored to health

of body and of mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For One About to Undergo an Operation

Almighty God, we ask You to strengthen Your servant in *his* suffering, and to bless the means made use of for *his* cure. Fill *his* heart with confidence, that though *he* be sometime afraid, *he* yet may put *his* trust in You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer of St. Luke

Almighty God, Who inspired Your servant St. Luke, the Physician, to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of Your Son: Manifest in Your Church the like power and love, to the healing of our bodies and our souls; through the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Living In Order to Die Well Anytime

While the content of this prayer is perfectly appropriate for the chronically sick, it may also be said by mourners at a funeral.

O God, Whose days are without end, and Whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we beseech You, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, and let Your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served You in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in

favor with You our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

When Sickness Increases

O Lord Jesus Christ our Savior, You were born for our sake, for our sake You hungered and thirsted, for our sake You suffered and gave Your life over to death. As Your servant, *N*, now shares in Your sufferings, may *he* also share in Your grace. May Your precious Blood wash away the stains of *his* sins. May Your righteousness cleanse away *his* unrighteousness. Look not upon *his* works, but rather upon *his* faith in You when *he* stands before You as Judge. As *his* sickness increases, so increase to *him* Your plenteous grace. Let not *his* faith waver, nor *his* hope fail, nor *his* love wax cold; let not the dread of death cause *him* to cast away *his* trust in You, nor to place it anywhere but in You but, looking steadfastly to You even to the last, let *him* say, "Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit," and so enter into everlasting joy with You in the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Before an Operation

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, Who patiently endured the wounding of Your sacred Body, that You might save the souls and bodies of Your people: Look graciously upon the suffering body of this Your servant, *N*, and strengthen *him* to bear patiently whatever You shall see fit to give *him*. Bless the means of *his* cure. Grant that *he* may so endure *his* sufferings in the flesh and be restored to health. *Amen.*

After an Accident or For One Injured in Body

O Lord God our Savior, Who is the Great Physician, the Deliverer from pain: Mercifully grant Your help and healing to this Your servant, *N*, who has suffered grievous injury of body, and grant that *he*, calling upon You in faith, may be restored by Your loving-kindness. *Amen.*

After an Attempted Suicide

Almighty God, the Creator and Redeemer of mankind, Who give us our life in this world that we may prepare for the life to come, Who have delivered Your servant, *N*, from blood-guiltiness: Have pity, we ask You, upon *him*, who would rashly have thrown away Your gift and, as You have in mercy defeated *his* designs, so grant to *him* time and grace for repentance. Graciously look upon *him*, and in Your compassion forgive *him* what *he* has done amiss through the malice of the Enemy. Restore *him* by Your grace, strengthen *him* with Your might, and bring forth from *his* heart tears of sorrow, that *he* may weep for *his* sins committed against You and, by Your mercy, obtain pardon for them: For You are the God of the penitent, and to You we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving for Relief through an Operation

Almighty God, we thank You for Your compassion in having preserved and healed Your servant, *N*, and that the good work begun in *him* may be fulfilled in Your good pleasure, and that *he* may be brought to everlasting life; through the grace of Your Only-begotten

Son. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving for Recovery

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Life and Strength of all who put their trust in You, We give You hearty thanks for restoring Your servant to bodily health so endue *his* soul with all heavenly graces, and perseverance in good works, and prepare us by Your blessings in this life for the enjoyment of eternal happiness in the life to come. *Amen.*

Prayer for a Woman in Labor at Childbirth

We ask You now, Who love mankind, to bless this Your handmaiden, *N*, who is with child, granting her help and comfort at this trying time; ease her labor, and bring her to safe delivery. Yea, O Lord, open the treasury of Your mercies, and Your compassion unto her, and let her give birth to a fruitful vine, to be a cause of joy to her all the days of her life. *Amen.*

Prayer on the First Day after Childbirth

O Master, Lord Almighty, Who heals every sickness and every weakness: So now, heal this Your handmaiden, *N*, who has given birth. Preserve her and this child which she has borne. Cover her with the shelter of Your wings from this day until her last, through the intercessions of the Most-holy Mary and of all the Saints. *Amen.*

Prayer for a Woman after a Miscarriage

Almighty God, according to Your great mercy, have mercy now on this, Your handmaiden, *N*, whose child has died. Cleanse all her sins, and protect her from every oppression of the devil. By Your great mercy

lead her to recovery. *Amen.*

Form of Baptism in an Emergency

Immerse, pour, or immerse three times while saying:
N, you are baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Conditional Baptism

If there is any doubt whether or not Holy Baptism has previously been administered, the following form is used:

The servant of God, *N*, if not already baptized, is baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Office at the Adoption of Children

Let the child who desires to be born again as a son or daughter stand within the doors of the Holy Sanctuary, and he who wishes to receive *him* as such shall stand outside. Both hold lighted candles in their hands.

The Priest in his vestments, begins:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, Who by Your beloved child, our Lord Jesus Christ, called us children of God through adoption and the grace of Your omnipotent and Holy Spirit, and said, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son: Do You, the Same King, Who loves mankind, look down from Your holy dwelling place upon these Your servants and unite their natures, which You have begotten separated one from another

according to the flesh, through Your Holy Spirit, into father and *son*; Confirm them in Your love; bind them through Your benediction; bless them to Your glory; strengthen them in Your faith, preserving them always, and do not renounce them for what proceeds from out of their lips. Be the mediator for their promises: that their love which they have confessed to You be not torn asunder even to the end of their lives, and be kept sincerely, alive in You our only living and true God, and grant them to be heirs of Your kingdom: For unto You are due all glory, honor and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

O Master and Lord, Who are the Maker of all creatures, Who by the first Adam made the bonds of kinship according to the natural flesh, and through Christ Jesus, Your beloved Son and our God, by grace showed us also as Your kindred; these Your servants bow their heads unto You, Who alone know all things even before they happen, and ask of You a blessing, and that in You they may receive that for which they hope: the bond, inscribed in each other, of father and *son*; and that, living worthily in You in adoption to *sonship*, they may keep themselves in due constancy; that, as in all things, so in this may be glorified Your Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever. *Amen.*

The father receives his *son* from the Sanctuary, and says:
Today you are my *son*, this day I have begotten you.

The father raises *him* up, and they kiss each other.

The Priest pronounces the Blessing and Dismissal.