

## **Blessing of Holy Water**

**Priest** (wearing a violet stole): Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Response:** Who made heaven and earth.

O salt, creature of God, I exorcise you by the living + God, by the true + God, by the holy + God, by the God who ordered you to be poured into the water by Eliseus the prophet, so that its life-giving powers might be restored. I exorcise you so that you may become a means of salvation for believers, that you may bring health of soul and body to all who make use of you, and that you may put to flight and drive away from the places where you are sprinkled; every apparition, villainy, turn of devilish deceit, and every unclean spirit; adjured by him who will come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire.

**Response:** Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly implore You, in Your immeasurable kindness and love, to bless + this salt which You created and gave to the use of mankind, so that it may become a source of health for the minds and bodies of all who make use of it. May it rid whatever it touches or sprinkles of all uncleanness, and protect it from every assault of evil spirits. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

**Response:** Amen.

O water, creature of God, I exorcise you in the name of God the Father + Almighty, and in the name of Jesus + Christ His Son, our Lord, and in the power of the Holy + Spirit. I exorcise you so that you may put to flight all the power of the enemy, and be able to root out and supplant that enemy with his apostate angels, through the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire.

**Response:** Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, for the salvation of mankind, You built Your greatest mysteries on this substance, water. In Your kindness, hear our prayers and pour down the power of Your blessing + into this element, made ready for many kinds of purifications. May this, Your creature, become an agent of divine grace in the service of Your mysteries, to drive away evil spirits and dispel sickness, so that everything in the homes and other buildings of the faithful that is sprinkled with this water, may be rid of all uncleanness and freed from every harm. Let no breath of infection and no disease-bearing air remain in these places. May the wiles of the lurking enemy prove of no avail. Let whatever might menace the safety and peace of those who live here be put to flight by the sprinkling of this water, so that the health obtained by calling upon Your holy name, may be made secure against all attack. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

**Response:** Amen.

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*Here the priest pours the blessed salt into the blessed water in the form of a cross, saying:*

May a mixture of salt and water now be made, in the name of the Father, + and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. +

**Response:** Amen.

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**Response:** And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, Creator unconquerable, invincible King, Victor ever-glorious, You hold in check the forces bent on dominating us. You overcome the cruelty of the raging enemy, and in Your power You beat down the wicked foe. Humbly and fearfully do we pray to You, O Lord, and we ask You to look with favor on this salt and water which You created. Shine on it with the light of Your kindness. Sanctify it by the dew of Your love, so that, through the invocation of Your holy name, wherever this water and salt is sprinkled, it may turn aside every attack of the unclean spirit, and dispel the terrors of the poisonous serpent. And wherever we may be, make the Holy Spirit present to us, who now implore Your mercy. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

**Response:** Amen.

### **Exorcism of a Church (or an Area of Worship)**

**Priest:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Response:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**Response:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** Let us pray.

I exorcise you, every unclean spirit, in the name of God the Father + Almighty, and in the name of His Son, Jesus + Christ, our Lord and Judge, and in the strength of the Holy + Spirit, that you may now depart from this Church (area of worship), so that those who worship here might become temples of the living God, and that the Holy Spirit might dwell within them. Through the same Christ our Lord, Who will come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire.

**Response:** Amen.

[Now sprinkle the holy water around the house; it has a deliverance or exorcism in it.]

## **Blessing of Candles**

**Priest:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Response:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**Response:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:**

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, bless + these candles at our request. By the power of the holy cross, + bestow a heavenly blessing on them, O Lord, Who did give them to mankind to dispel the gloom. Empowered with the seal of Your holy cross, + let the spirits of darkness depart trembling and fly in fear from all places where their light shines, and never more disturb nor molest those who serve You, the almighty God, Who lives and reigns forevermore.

**Response:** Amen.

[Now sprinkle the candles with holy water.]

## **Blessing of a Sacred Statue or Picture or Image**

**Priest:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Response:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**Response:** And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, You do not forbid us to represent your saints in stone or paint (or wood, bronze, etc.), so that, as often as we look upon their likenesses with the eyes of the body, we may with the eyes of the mind meditate upon their holiness and be led to imitate their deeds. In Your kindness, we beg You to bless + and sanctify + this picture (statue), meant to honor and call to mind Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (or the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, or Blessed N., your apostle, or martyr, or bishop, or confessor, or virgin). May all who in its presence humbly strive to serve and honor Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (or the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, or confessor, or virgin), by his/(her) merits and intercession, gain from You grace in the present life and eternal glory in the life to come. Through (the same) Christ our Lord.

**Response:** Amen.

[Now sprinkle the image(s) with holy water.]

## Solemn Blessing of a Cross

**Priest:** Our help is in the name of the Lord. **Response:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Priest:** The Lord be with you. **Response:** May He also be with you.

Let us pray. Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, be pleased to bless + this cross, that it may be a saving help to mankind. Let it be the support of faith, an encouragement to good works, the redemption of souls; and let it be consolation, protection, and a shield against the cruel darts of the enemy; through Christ our Lord. **Response:** Amen.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, bless + this cross by which you snatched the world from Satan's grasp, and on which you overcame by your suffering the tempter to sin, who rejoiced in the first man's fall in eating of the forbidden tree. [Here it is sprinkled with holy water.] May this cross be hallowed in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, + and of the Holy + Spirit; and may all who kneel and pray before this cross in honor of our Lord find health in body and soul; through Christ our Lord.

**Response:** Amen. [After this the priest, kneeling before the cross, devoutly venerates and kisses it, and others may do likewise.]

## Blessing of the St. Benedict Medal

**Priest:** Our help is in the name of the Lord. **Response:** Who made heaven and earth.

In the name of God the Father + almighty, Who made heaven and earth, the seas and all that is in them, I exorcise these medals against the power and attacks of the evil one. May all who use these medals devoutly be blessed with health of soul and body. In the name of the Father + almighty, of the Son + Jesus Christ our Lord, and of the Holy + Spirit the Paraclete, and in the love of the same Lord Jesus Christ Who will come on the last day to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty God, the boundless source of all good things, we humbly ask that, through the intercession of Saint Benedict, You pour out Your blessings + upon these medals. May those who use them devoutly and earnestly strive to perform good works, be blessed by You with health of soul and body, the grace of a holy life, and remission of the temporal punishment due to sin.

May they also, with the help of Your merciful love, resist the temptation of the evil one and strive to exercise true charity and justice toward all, so that one day they may appear sinless and holy in Your sight. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

C.S.P.B. *Crux Sancti Patris Benedicti* = The Cross of Holy Father Benedict

C.S.S.M.L. *Crux Sancta Sit Mihi Lux* = May the Holy Cross be my light

N.D.S.M.D. *Non Draco Sit Mihi Dux* = May the dragon be not my leader

V.R.S. *Vade Retor Satana!* = Be gone, Satan!

N.S.M.V. *Non Suade Mihi Vana* = Entice me not with deceits

S.M.Q.L. *Sunt Mala Quae Libas* = What you offered was evil

I.V.B. *Ipsa Venena Bibas* = Drink your poison yourself

*Pax* = Peace

[*The medals are then sprinkled with holy water.*]

## **Blessing of All Things**

**Priest:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Response:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**Response:** And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, by whose word all things are made holy, pour down Your blessing + on this \_\_\_ (these \_\_\_) which You created. Grant that whoever, giving thanks to You, uses it (them) in accordance with Your law and Your will, may by calling upon Your holy name receive through Your aid health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord.

**Response:** Amen.

[The items are now sprinkled with holy water.]

## **Blessing of Rosaries**

The priest wears a white stole if possible.

**Priest:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Response:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**Response:** And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, on account of Your very great love for us, You willed that Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, should come down from heaven to earth, and at the angel's message take flesh in the most sacred womb of Our Lady, the most blessed Virgin Mary; submit to death on the cross, and then rise gloriously from the dead on the third day, in order to deliver us from Satan's tyranny. We humbly beg You, in Your boundless goodness to bless + and to sanctify + these Rosaries (or this Rosary), which Your faithful Church has consecrated to the honor and praise of the Mother of your Son. Let them (or it) be endowed with such power of the Holy + Spirit, that whoever carries one on his (her) person or reverently keeps one (or it) in his (her) home, or devoutly prays to You while meditating on the divine mysteries, according to the rules of his (her) holy Society, may fully share in all the graces, privileges and indulgences which the Holy See has granted to this society. May he (she) always and everywhere in this life be shielded from all enemies, visible and invisible, and at his (her) death deserve to be presented to You by the most blessed Virgin Mary herself, Mother of God. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Response:** Amen.

[They are then sprinkled with Holy Water.]

## **Blessing of a House**

**Priest:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Response:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**Response:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** Let us pray.

O Lord God almighty, bless + this place (house). In it may there be health, chastity, victory over sin, strength, humility, goodness of heart and gentleness, full observance of Your law and gratefulness to God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this place (house) and upon those who live here, now and forever and ever. Amen.

[Now sprinkle the holy water around the house; it has a deliverance or exorcism in it.]

## **Blessing of a House**

May the Almighty and Merciful God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless and protect us.

O most sweet Lord Jesus Christ, almighty King of heaven and earth, Son of David, Jesus of Nazareth, crucified for us: Son of the Living God, have mercy on this house, guard those who dwell here.

May Your Divine blessing accompany them everywhere; may the Holy Spirit enlighten their minds and hearts, and may His power work through them in every place.

May He bless everything that is found in this house, those who enter and those who leave, and may His blessing of the Most Holy Trinity guard them from evil, so that no misfortune may come near them.

May the holy Name of Jesus with the nine choirs of angels be in this house, giving it His peace.

May the Most Holy Virgin cover it with her motherly mantle.

May the holy Archangels guard it.

May the holy Apostles be the dispensers of its wealth.

May the holy Evangelists confirm and strengthen it.

May Christ be the shield of this house.

May the three nails of Christ be its barrier.

May the crown of Christ be its shield.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and all of our patrons, and you holy Guardian Angels, obtain from the one God in three Persons, that He would guard this house from lightning, fire, hail, flood, attacks of evil men, scandal, unfaithfulness, heresy and every misfortune endangering the soul or body. To which may God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit help us.

**Response:** Amen.

[Now sprinkle the holy water around the house; it has a deliverance or exorcism in it.]

## **Blessing of Incense**

Through the intercession of Blessed Michael the Archangel, standing at the right hand of the altar of incense, and of all His elect, may the Lord vouchsafe to bless + this incense and to receive it in the odor of sweetness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer said as priest censens the offerings): May this incense blessed by You, arise before You, O Lord, and may Your mercy come down upon us.

(Prayer said as priest censens the altar): Let my prayer, O Lord, come like incense before You; the lifting up of my hands, like the evening sacrifice. O Lord, set a watch before my mouth, a guard at the door of my lips. Let not my heart incline to the evil of engaging in deeds of wickedness.

## **Rite for the Blessing and Investiture of the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

*To obtain the fullest possible benefits from the Brown Scapular devotion, one must be validly invested (sometimes called "enrolled") in the Brown Scapular by a priest who possesses the faculties (usually a Carmelite, Dominican or Franciscan), using a scapular blessed by the same or any other priest. After proper enrollment in the Scapular, a person need not have subsequent scapulars blessed. Once enrolled you are enrolled until death.*

Priest: Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy.

Respondent: And grant us Thy salvation.

P: Lord, hear my prayer.

R: And let my cry come unto Thee.

P: The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, sanctify † by Thy power these scapulars, which for love of Thee and for love of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Thy servants will wear devoutly, so that through the intercession of the same Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and protected against the evil spirit, they persevere until death in Thy grace. Thou who liveth and reigneth world without end. Amen.

*The priest does the aspersion and invests the persons while saying:*

Receive this blessed Scapular and ask the Most Holy Virgin that by Her merits, it may be worn with no stain of sin, protect you from all harm and bring you to everlasting life. Amen.

*After the investiture, the priest continues:*

I, by the power vested in me, admit you to participate in all the spiritual benefits obtained through the mercy of Jesus Christ by the Religious Order of Mount Carmel. In the name of the Father † and of the Son † and of the Holy Ghost †. Amen. May God Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and earth, bless † you, He who has deigned to join you to the confraternity of the Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel; we beseech Her to crush the head of the ancient serpent so that you may enter into possession of your eternal heritage through Christ our Lord.

Respondent: Amen.

## **Blessing and Investiture with the Miraculous Medal**

[Priest vests in surplice and white stole]

Priest: Our help is in the name of the Lord

Respondant: Who made heaven and earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, Who by the many appearances on earth of the Immaculate Virgin Mary were pleased to work miracles again and again for the salvation of souls; kindly pour out Your blessing + on this medal, so that all who devoutly wear it and reverence it may experience the patronage of Mary Immaculate and obtain mercy from You; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

[Priest sprinkles Miraculous Medal(s) with Holy Water, then presents it to person(s) saying:]  
Take this holy medal; wear it with faith, and handle it with due devotion, so that the holy and Immaculate Queen of Heaven may protect and defend you. And as she is ever ready to renew her wondrous acts of kindness, may she obtain for you in her mercy whatever you humbly ask of God, so that both in life and in death, you may rest happily in her motherly embrace. Amen.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Our Father . . .

P: And lead us not into temptation

R: But deliver us from evil.

P: Queen conceived without Original Sin,

R: Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

P: O, Lord, hear my prayer

R: And let my cry come unto thee.

P: The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, Who willed that Your Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived without sin, should become illustrious through countless miracles; grant that we who ever seek her patronage may finally possess everlasting joys. We ask this of You, Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



## **Blessing of an Expectant Mother**

**Priest:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

**Priest:** Save Your servant.

All: Who trusts in You, my God.

**Priest:** Let her find in You, Lord, a tower of strength.

All: In the face of the enemy.

**Priest:** Let the enemy have no power over her.

All: And the son of iniquity be powerless to harm her.

**Priest:** Lord, send her aid from Your holy place.

All: And watch over her from Sion.

**Priest:** Lord, heed my prayer.

All: And let my cry be heard by You.

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

**Priest:** Let us pray. Almighty everlasting God, Who enable us, Your servants, in our profession of the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the three Persons in the eternal Godhead, and to adore their oneness of nature, their co-equal majesty; grant, we pray, that by steadfastness in that faith this handmaid of Yours, N., may ever be guarded against all adversity; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

**Priest:** Let us pray. Lord God, Creator of all things, mighty and awesome, just and forgiving, You alone are good and kind. You saved Israel from all manner of plagues, making our forefathers Your chosen people, and hallowing them by the touch of Your Spirit. You, by the co-operation of the Holy Spirit, prepared the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mary to be a worthy dwelling for Your Son. You filled John the Baptist with the Holy Spirit, causing him to leap with joy in his mother's womb. Accept the offering of a humble spirit, and grant the heartfelt desire of Your servant, N. who pleads for the safety of the child You allowed her to conceive. Guard the life that is Yours; defend it from all the craft and spite of the pitiless foe. Let Your gentle hand, like that of a skilled physician, aid her delivery, bringing her offspring safe and sound to the light of day. May her child live to be reborn in holy Baptism, and continuing always in Your service, be found worthy of attaining everlasting life; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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*The priest sprinkles the woman with holy water and then adds the following:*

## **Psalm 66**

**Priest:** May God have pity on us and bless us; may He let His face shine upon us.

All: So may His way be known upon earth; among all nations, His salvation.

**Priest:** May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You.

All: May all the nations be glad and exult because You rule the peoples in equity; You guide the nations on earth.

**Priest:** May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You.

All: The earth has yielded its fruits; God, our God, has blessed us.

**Priest:** May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him.

All: Glory be to the Father....

**Priest:** Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Let us praise and glorify Him forever.

**Priest:** God has given His angels charge over you.

All: To guard you in all your paths.

**Priest:** Lord, heed my prayer.

All: And let my cry be heard by You.

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

**Priest:** Let us pray. Lord, we beg You to visit this dwelling, and to drive away from it and from this handmaid of Yours, N, all the enemy's wiles. Let Your holy angels be appointed here to keep her and her offspring in peace; and let Your blessing ☩ ever rest upon her. Save them, almighty God, and grant them your everlasting light; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

**Priest:** May the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, ☩ and Holy Spirit, come on you and your child, and remain with you forever.

All: Amen.

## **Blessing of a Family Who Lost a Child**

Dearest Jesus, who wept at the death of your friend  
and taught that they who mourn shall be comforted,  
grant us the comfort of your presence in our loss.  
Send Your Holy Spirit to direct us  
lest we make hasty or foolish decisions.  
Send Your Spirit to give us courage  
lest through fear we recoil from living.  
Send Your Spirit to bring us your peace  
lest bitterness, false guilt, or regret take root in our hearts.

The Lord has given.  
The Lord has taken away.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Amen.

O sweet mother Mary,  
who knew the sadness of mourning those your heart loved most,  
Jesus, your Son,  
and Joseph, your devoted spouse,  
pray for us in our time of loss.

Amen.

## **Blessing of an Automobile**

Priest. Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
R. Who has made heaven and earth.  
Priest. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Lend a willing ear, Lord God, to our prayers, and bless this vehicle with Your holy right hand. Direct Your holy angels to accompany it, that they may free those who ride in it from all dangers, and always guard them. And just as by Your deacon Philip You gave faith and grace to the man of Ethiopia as he sat in his chariot reading the Sacred Word, so, point out to Your servants the way of salvation. Grant that, aided by Your grace, and with their hearts set on good works, they may, after all the joys and sorrows of this journey through life, merit to receive eternal joys, through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

(And it is sprinkled with holy water.)

## **Blessing of Oil**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

God's creature, oil, I cast out the demon from you by God the Father + Almighty, Who made heaven and earth and sea, and all that they contain. Let the adversary's power, the devil's legions, and all Satan's attacks and machinations be dispelled and driven afar from this creature, oil. Let it bring health in body and mind to all who use it, in the name of God + the Father Almighty, and of our Lord Jesus + Christ, His Son, and of the Holy + Spirit, the Advocate, as well as in the love of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who is coming to judge both the living and the dead and the world by fire.

All: Amen.

P: O Lord, heed my prayer.

All: And let my cry come unto You.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, before whom the hosts of angels stand in awe, and whose heavenly service we acknowledge; may it please You to regard favorably and to bless + and hallow + this creature, oil, which by Your power has been pressed from the juice of olives. You have ordained it for anointing the sick, so that, when they are made well, they may give thanks to You, the living and true God. Grant, we pray, that those who will use this oil, which we are blessing + in Your name, may be delivered from all suffering, all infirmity, and all wiles of the enemy. Let it be a means of averting any kind of adversity from man, made in your image and redeemed by the precious blood of Your Son, so that he may never again suffer the sting of the ancient serpent; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

## **Blessing of Wine on the Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

*At the end of the principal Mass on the feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, after the last Gospel, the priest, retaining all vestments except the maniple, blesses wine brought by the people. This is done in memory and in honor of St. John, who drank without any ill effects the poisoned wine offered to him by his enemies.*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: May He also be with you.

Let us pray.

If it please You, Lord God, bless + and consecrate + this vessel of wine (or any other beverage) by the power of Your right hand; and grant that, through the merits of St. John, apostle and evangelist, all Your faithful who drink of it may find it a help and a protection. As the blessed John drank the poisoned potion without any ill effects, so may all who today drink the blessed wine in his honor be delivered from poisoning and similar harmful things. And as they offer themselves body and soul to You, may they obtain pardon of all their sins; through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

Lord, bless + this creature drink, so that it may be a health-giving medicine to all who use it; and grant by Your grace that all who taste of it may enjoy bodily and spiritual health in calling on Your holy name; through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit, come on this wine (or any other beverage) and remain always. All: Amen.