

Continuous Rite for Penance, Anointing of the Sick, and Viaticum

A. The peace of the Lord be with you always.B. Peace be with you (this house) and with all who live here

R. And with your spirit.

If Communion as Viaticum is celebrated during the rite, the priest then places the Blessed Sacrament on the table, and all join in adoration.

A Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

B John 6:40

"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him (on) the last day."

C The priest may use the following instruction, or one better adapted to the sick person's condition:
Beloved in Christ, the Lord Jesus is with us at all times, warming our hearts with his sacramental grace. Through his priests he forgives the sins of the repentant; he strengthens the sick through holy anointing; to all who watch for his coming, he gives the food of his Body and Blood to sustain them on their last journey, confirming their hope of eternal life.
Our brother/sister has asked to receive these three sacraments: let us help him/her with our love and our prayers.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
If the sick person so wishes, the sacrament of
penance is celebrated; in case of necessity,
the confession may be generic.
[Confession and absolution]

A My brothers and sisters, let us turn with confidence to the Lord and ask his forgiveness for all our sins. B My brothers and sisters,

to prepare ourselves for this celebration, let us call to mind our sins.

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say: through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue: therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

B By your paschal mystery you have won for us salvation: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

You renew among us now the wonders of your passion: Christ have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

When we receive your body, you share with us your paschal sacrifice: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. R. Amen.

APOSTOLIC PARDON

A Through the holy mysteries of our redemption, may almighty God release you from all punishments in this life and in the life to come.

May be open to you the gates of paradise

May he open to you the gates of paradise and welcome you to everlasting joy. R. Amen.

[Per sancrosáncta humánæ reparatiónis mystéria, remíttat tibi omnípotens Deus omnes præséntis et futúræ vitæ pænas, paradísi portas apériat et ad gáudia te sempitérna perdúcat. R. Amen.]

B By the authority which the Apostolic See has given me, I grant you a full pardon and the remission of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.

[Ego facultáte mihi ab Apostólica Sede tribúta, indulgéntiam plenáriam et remissiónem ómnium peccatórum tibi concédo, in nómine Patris, et Fílii, + et Spíritus Sancti. R. Amen]

BAPTISMAL PROFESSION OF FAITH
If the condition of the sick person permits, the
baptismal profession of faith follows. The priest
gives a brief introduction and then asks the
following questions

N., do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? R. I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? R. I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting? R. I do.

The priest may sprinkle the sick person with holy water.

LITANY

A You bore our weakness and carried our sorrows: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

You felt compassion for the crowd, and went about doing good and healing the sick: Christ, have mercy. R.Christ, have mercy.

You commanded your apostles to lay their hands on the sick in your name: Lord, have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy.

B Let us pray, dear friends, for our brother/sister N., whom the Lord at this hour is refreshing with the sacraments.

That the Lord may look on our brother/ sister and see in him/her the face of his own suffering Son, we pray:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord may help N. in this moment of trial, we pray:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord may watch over N., and keep him/her ever in his love, we pray: R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Lord may give N. strength and peace, we pray: R. Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF ANOINTING

In silence, the priest then lays his hands on the head of the sick person. [moral contact sufficient]

THANKSGIVING OVER BLESSED OIL

In place of the thanksgiving over the oil, the priest may give an instruction. (PCOS, #41)

Praise to you, God, the almighty Father. You sent your Son to live among us and bring us salvation.

R. Blessed be God who heals us in Christ. Praise to you, God the only-begotten Son. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity and you heal our infirmities,

R. Blessed be God who heals us in Christ. Praise to you God, the Holy Spirit, the Consoler. Your unfailing power gives us strength in our bodily weakness.

R. Blessed be God who heals us in Christ. God of mercy, ease the sufferings and comfort the weakness of your servant, N., whom the Church anoints with this holy oil.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Or: BLESSING OF OIL

Bless, + Lord, your gift of oil and our brother/sister N. that it may bring him/her relief.

[Bénedic, + Dómine, hanc Ólei creatúram et ipsum étiam infírmum (ipsam étiam infírmam)qui (quæ) hoc leniménto perúngitur.]

ANOINTING

Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.

May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up. R. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER ANOINTING

A Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world, you have shouldered the burden of our weakness and borne our sufferings in your own passion and death.

Hear this prayer for our sick brother/sister N. whom you have redeemed.

Strengthen his/her hope of salvation and sustain him/her in body and soul, for you live and reign for ever and ever. R. Amen.

B In advanced age

God of mercy, look kindly on your servant who has grown weak under the burden of years. In this holy anointing he/she asks for healing in body and soul. Fill him/her with the strength of your Holy Spirit. Keep him/her firm in faith and serene in hope, so that he/she may give us all an example of patience and joyfully witness to the power of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

LITURGY OF VIATICUM

A Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we have the courage to say:

B And now let us pray with confidence as Christ our Lord commanded:
Our Father ...

The priest genuflects, takes the Eucharistic Bread, raises it slightly and facing those present says:

A Jesus Christ is the food for our journey; he calls us to the heavenly table.

B. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The Body of Christ. R. Amen.

May the Lord Jesus Christ protect you and lead you to eternal life. R. Amen.

[Ipse te custódiat et perdúcat in vitam ætérnam. R. Amen.]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Let us pray

A Father, your Son, Jesus Christ, is our way, our truth, and our life. Look with compassion on your servant N. who has trusted in your promises.

You have refreshed him/her with the Body and Blood of your Son: May he/she enter your kingdom in peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

B God of peace you offer eternal healing to those who believe in you; you have refreshed your servant N. with food and drink from heaven: lead him/her safely into the kingdom of light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

BLESSING

If however, any of the Blessed Sacrament remains, he may bless the sick person by making the sign of the cross with the Blessed Sacrament, in silence.

A May the Lord be with you to protect you. R. Amen.

May he guide you and give you strength. R. Amen.

May he watch over you, keep you in his care, and bless you with his peace. R. Amen. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.

[Dóminus lesus Christus apud te sit ut te deféndat. R. Amen.

Ante te sit ut te dedúcat, post te sit ut te múniat. R. Amen.

Te respíciat, te consérvet atque te benedicat. R. Amen.

Et vos omnes, qui hic simul adéstis, benedicat omnípotens Deus, Pater, et Fílius, + et Spíritus Sanctus. R. Amen.]

B. May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you for ever. R. Amen.

[Benedíctio Dei omnipoténtis, Patris + et Fílii et Spíritus Sancti, descéndat super vos, et máneat semper. R. Amen.]



COMMENDATION FOR THE DYING

One or more of the following short texts may be recited with the dying person. If necessary, they may be softly repeated two or three times.

Romans 8:35 Who can separate us from the love of Christ?

Romans 14:8 Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

2 Corinthians 5:1 We have an everlasting home in heaven.

1 Thessalonians 4:17 We shall be with the Lord for ever.

1 John 3:2 We shall see God as he really is

1 John 3:14 We have passed from death to life because we love one another

Psalm 25:1 To you, Lord, I lift up my soul Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation

Psalm 27:13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalm 42:3 My soul thirsts for the living God

Psalm 23:4 Though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me

Matthew 25:34 Come, blessed of my Father, says the Lord Jesus, and take possession of the kingdom prepared for you.

Luke 23:43 The Lord Jesus says, today you will be with me in paradise.

John 14:2 In my Father's home, there are many dwelling places, says the Lord Jesus.

John 14:2-3 The Lord Jesus says, I go to prepare a place for you, and I will come again to take you to myself.

John 17:24 I desire that where I am, they also may be with me, says the Lord Jesus.

John 6:40 Everyone who believes in the Son has eternal life. CD2 Psalm 31:5a Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

Luke 23:44-49

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said, "This man was innocent beyond doubt." When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy*. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for him/her Holy angels of God, pray for him/her Abraham, our father in faith, pray for him/her David, leader of God's people, pray for him/her All holy patriarchs and prophets, pray for him/her

Saint John the Baptist, pray for him/her Saint Joseph, pray for him/her Saint Peter and Saint Paul, pray for him/her Saint Andrew, pray for him/her Saint John, *pray for him/her* Saint Mary Magdalene, pray for him/her Saint Stephen, pray for him/her Saint Ignatius, pray for him/her Saint Lawrence, pray for him/her Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity, pray for him/her Saint Agnes, pray for him/her Saint Gregory, pray for him/her

Saint Augustine, pray for him/her Saint Athanasius, pray for him/her Saint Basil, *pray for him/her* Saint Martin, pray for him/her Saint Benedict, pray for him/her Saint Francis and Saint Dominic, pray for him/her Saint Francis Xavier, pray for him/her Saint John Vianney, pray for him/her Saint Catherine, pray for him/her Saint Teresa, pray for him/her All holy men and women, pray for him/her

Lord, be merciful, Lord, save your people. From all evil, Lord, save your people. From every sin, Lord, save your people. From Satan's power, Lord, save your people. At the moment of death, From everlasting death, On the day of judgment, By your coming as man, By your suffering and cross, By your death and rising to new life, By your return in glory to the Father, By your gift of the Holy Spirit, By your coming again in glory,

Lord, save your people

Be merciful to us sinners. Lord, hear our prayer. Bring N. to eternal life, first promised to him/her in baptism, Lord, hear our prayer. Raise N. on the last day, for he/she has

eaten the Bread of Life, Lord, hear our prayer.

Let N. share in your glory, for he/she has shared in your suffering and death, Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

Prayers of Commendation

A. Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of God the almighty Father, who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for you, in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you, go forth, faithful Christian.

May you live in peace this day, may your home be with God in holy Zion, with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with Joseph, and all the angels and saints.

B. I commend you, my dear brother/sister, to almighty God, and entrust you to your Creator.

May you return to him who formed you from the dust of the earth.

May holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints come to meet you as you go forth from this life.

May Christ who was crucified for you bring you freedom and peace.

May Christ who died for you admit you into his garden of paradise.

May Christ, the true Shepherd, acknowledge you as one of his flock. May you see the Redeemer face to face, and enjoy the vision of God for ever. R. Amen.

C. Welcome your servant, Lord, into the place of salvation which because of your mercy he/she rightly hoped for. R. Amen. or: R. *Lord, save your people.*

Deliver your servant, Lord, from every distress.

R. Amen. or: R. *Lord, save your people.*Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered Noah from the flood.

R. Amen. or: R. Lord, save your people.

Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered Abraham from Ur of the Chaldees.

R. Amen. or: R. *Lord, save your people.*Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered Job from his sufferings.

R. Amen. or: R. Lord, save your people.

Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered Moses from the hand of the Pharoah.

R. Amen. or: R. Lord, save your people.

Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered Daniel from the den of lions.

R. Amen. or: R. Lord, save your people.

Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered the three young men from the fiery furnace.

R. Amen. or: R. Lord, save your people.

Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered Susanna from her false accusers. R. Amen. or: R. Lord, save your people.

Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered David from the attacks of Saul and Goliath.

R. Amen. or: R. Lord, save your people.

Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered Peter and Paul from prison.

R. Amen. or: R. Lord, save your people.

Deliver your servant, Lord, through Jesus our Savior, who suffered death for us and gave us eternal life.

R. Amen. or: R. Lord, save your people.

D. Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, we pray for your servant, N., and commend him/her to your mercy. For his/her sake you came down from heaven; receive him/her now into the joy of your kingdom. For though he/she has sinned, he/she has not denied the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, but has believed in God and has worshipped his/her Creator. R. Amen.

Hail Holy Queen . . .

May the most clement Virgin Mary, Mother of God, loving consoler of the afflicted, commend to her Divine Son the soul of this her servant/handmaid, N., so that through her maternal intercession our dying brother/sister may be freed from the terrors of death and in her company joyfully enter the desired heavenly home. R. Amen.

We fly to thee, St. Joseph, Patron of the dying, and we earnestly commend to thee, whom Jesus and Mary assisted at thy happy death by this twofold pledge most dear, the soul of this thy servant/ handmaid, N., now in his/her last agony, so that under thy protection he/she may be freed from the snares of the devil and from everlasting death, thus reaching the eternal joys of Heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, make me holy
Body of Christ, be my salvation
Blood of Christ, let me drink your wine
Water flowing from the side of Christ, wash me clean
Passion of Christ, strengthen me
Kind Jesus, hear my prayer
Hide me within your wounds
And keep me close to you
Defend me from the evil enemy
And call me at the hour of my death
To the fellowship of your saints
That I might sing your praise with them
for all eternity. Amen.

Traditional Prayer for laying on of hands for the dying:

In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, + and of the Holy + Spirit; may any power the devil has over you be destroyed by the laying-on of our hands and by calling on the glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, her illustrious spouse, St. Joseph, and all holy angels, archangels, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, confessors, virgins, and all the saints. R. Amen.