

Subject: Christening/Baptism

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The Rite of Baptism is recognition of the Loving Presence and the Infinite Power of the Spirit in each child. The seed of perfection is implanted in every child, and awaits only the Baptism of Spirit, the outpouring of Truth, for the complete expression of Good in their life.

We perform this ritual believing that the symbol and its meaning are one and that through this outward act of faith the one to be Baptized will consciously live, move, and have their Being in the Almighty, All Wise and All Loving, Guiding Light of the Christ Presence, and that they will walk through all experiences as a radiant, dynamic individual of Light, always embraced in a circle of Divine Love.

So, at this time, I ask the Parents:

and the Godparents:

to come forth with the child to be Baptized.

We recognize that a child comes from God as a Divine Creation, and that the Heavenly Father's perfection is the very being and life of this Child. A Godly purity and good is incarnate in this child as its own life. Baptism symbolizes our recognition of the immersion of the human in this Divine Life Stream, our oneness with God. It symbolizes our faith that the soul, on its new adventure, must live and move and have its being within the consciousness of God, and will always be in an all-embracing circle of Divine Love and so --

----- (parents);
in presenting this child for Spiritual Baptism you are to be convinced in your own mind that you are immersed in the Spirit of God, and God in you, so acknowledging the Divine Oneness of Spirit, Soul, and Body, One Universal Truth, the same on every plane. You believe that man is a creative expression or experience of God.

You realize that keeping the mind set on good leads to joy and accomplishment in life. Will you teach your child the Truth of Being, that from childhood (s)he may realize he(r) unity with God, and all that implies?

- (reply) –
- Will you try to conduct your own lives so that not only by word, but by example (s)he may learn to live joyously, creatively, and harmoniously with Divine Principle?
- (reply) –
- Will you do this to the best of your ability?

- (reply) –
- (The reply: I do)
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To the Godparents:

As Godparents of this child you are charged not only with faithfulness to the ideals stated in the charge to the parents, but also with the responsibility of seeing to the spiritual welfare of this child should the need arise and it become necessary for you to stand in as friend or counselor. Do you understand and accept this?

- reply –

To the Parents:

What name shall be given this child?

- reply –

Blessing Of The Water:

I ask that you now focus with me as I bless this water. I know and accept that this water is a symbolic representation of the outpouring of Spirit. And so I now bless and magnetize this water and know that it is filled with the Energy of Spirit, which is Eternal Life, bringing forth everlasting Peace, Love, Happiness and Wisdom. (Perform the following by taking a newly budding Rose and dipping it into the blessed water)

I Now Christen you _____
and Baptize you in the name of the Father, the Father in whom you live, in the name of the Son, the Son which is the Christ within you, and in the name of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit which is the moving, Creative Principle within all life.

Let Us Pray:

O Thou Infinite Spirit of Eternal Life and Love, I dedicate this child to Thy care and keeping to the end, that Thy perfect Intelligence may guide and direct he(r) and Thy unfailing Love may draw he(r) into ways of eternal happiness. May this child come to know that God's arms enfold him/her, and God's strength upholds her/him. Knowing that this is the Truth for him/her now and forever more, I do give thanks.

And So It Is!