

EMERGENCY RELIGIOUS MINISTRATION - (Eastern Orthodox)

A. EMERGENCY BAPTISM

If a dying person wishes to receive baptism into the Orthodox faith when no chaplain is available, any Orthodox Christian may administer baptism. Pour water three times on the forehead saying his/her first name and these words:

THE SERVANT OF GOD IS BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Record the name and report the facts to a chaplain as soon as possible.

B. If a dying person (Orthodox) desires religious ministrations when no chaplain is available, anyone may repeat with him/her (1) Prayer in Time of Need, (2) Prayer for Forgiveness, and/or (3) Prayer in the Event of Death.

1. PRAYER IN TIME OF NEED: Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, come to my help and deliver me from the difficulty before me. I believe, Lord, that all trials of life are under Your care and that all things work for the good of those who love you. Take away from me fear, anxiety, and distress. Help me to face and endure my difficulty with faith, courage, and wisdom. Grant that this trial may bring me closer to You, for You are my rock and refuge, my comfort and hope, my delight and joy. I trust in Your love and compassion. Blessed is Your name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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2. PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS: Lord our God, you who are good and merciful, I acknowledge that all my sins which I have committed in thought, word, and deed, in body and soul alike. I am truly sorry I have ever offended you, and I sincerely repent; with tears I humbly pray, Lord; mercifully forgive and absolve me from all my past transgressions. I firmly resolve, with the help of your Grace, to amend my way of life and to sin no more; that I may walk in the way of the righteous, and offer praise and glory to the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

3. IN THE EVENT OF DEATH THE FOLLOWING PRAYER MAY BE SAID:

Christ our Lord, grant rest to your servant among Your Saints, where there is no pain, sorrow, or suffering, but everlasting life.

With the righteous who have reposed in Your peace, grant rest, Savior, to the soul of Your servant, and bestow upon him/her the blessed life which is from you, merciful Lord.

Lord, remember this Your servant who has fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. Forgive him/her every transgression he/she has committed in thought, word, or deed. Grant him/her peace and refreshment in a place of light where Your glory delights all the Saints. For You are the resurrection, the repose, and the life of Your departed servant, and to You I give glory, now and forever. Amen.