

Of the Manner of Blessing the Water



V: Our help is in the Name of the LORD.

R: **Who hath made Heaven and earth.**

I ADJURE thee, O creature of salt, by the Living + GOD, by the True + GOD, by the Holy + GOD, by GOD Who commanded thee to be cast, by the Prophet Elisha, into the water to heal the barrenness thereof; that thou become salt exorcised for the health of believers; and be thou to all them that take of thee health of soul and body, and let all vain imaginations and wickedness, all deceits and wiles of the Devil and every unclean spirit fly and depart from the place where thou shalt be sprinkled, adjured by Him, Who is to come and will judge the quick and the dead and the world by fire. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting god, we humbly beseech Thine infinite mercy, that it may please Thee, of Thy loving-kindness to bl+ess and to hal+low this creature of salt which Thou hast given for the use of men, let it be to all them that take of it health of mind and body, and let whatsoever shall be touched or sprinkled therewith be free from all uncleanness, and from all assaults of spiritual wickedness. Through JESUS CHRIST, Thy SON, our LORD, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the HOLY GHOST, ever One GOD, world without end.

I ADJURE thee, O creature of water, in the Name of GOD the FATHER + Almighty, in the Name of JESUS + CHRIST, His SON, our LORD, and in the power of the HOLY + GHOST, that thou become water exorcised for putting to flight all the power of the Enemy, and do thou avail to cast out and send hence that same Enemy, with all his apostate angels, through the power of the Same our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who is to come and will judge the quick and the dead and the world by fire. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who for the salvation of mankind hast ordained that water should be the matter of one of Thy greatest Sacraments: favourably regard us who call upon Thee, and pour the power of Thy bene+diction upon this element, prepared by much cleansing; that this Thy creature, meet for Thy mysteries, may receive the effect of Thy grace, and so may cast out devils, and put sickness to flight, that whosoever in the habitations of Thy faithful shall be sprinkled therewith, may be made free from all uncleanness and delivered from all hurtfulness; there let no spirit of pestilence nor corrupt air abide: thence let all the wiles of the hidden Enemy depart; and if there be aught that layeth snares against the peace or safety of them that dwell therein, let it fly before the sprinkling of this water, and so let the place gain health by the invocation of Thy Holy Name, and be defended from all assaults. Through JESUS CHRIST, Thy SON, our LORD, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the HOLY GHOST, ever One GOD, world without end.

Here let the Priest thrice cast salt into the water, in the form of a Cross, saying at the same time:

BE this salt and water mixed together, in the Name of the FA+THER, and of the S+ON, and of the HOLY + GHOST. **Amen.**

The LORD be with you.

R: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who art the Author of unconquered might, the King of the Empire that cannot be overthrown, the ever-glorious Conqueror: Who dost keep under the power of the dominion that is against Thee: Who rulest the raging of the fierce Enemy; Who dost mightily fight against the wickedness of Thy foes; we entreat and beseech Thee, with fear and trembling, O LORD, graciously to behold this creature of salt and water, mercifully shine upon it, hallow it with the dew of Thy loving-kindness: that wheresoever it may be sprinkled, through the invocation of Thy Holy Name, all haunting of the unclean spirit may be driven away, far thence let the terror of the venomous serpent be cast, and wheresoever it shall be, there let the presence of the HOLY GHOST be vouchsafed to us who shall ask for Thy mercy. Through JESUS CHRIST, Thy SON, our LORD, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the same HOLY GHOST, ever One GOD, world without end. **Amen.**