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**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

**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 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 præsentis et futúráe vitæ pœnas,  
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 facultate mihi ab Apostolica Sede  
tributa, indulgentiam plenariam et  
remissionem omnium peccatorum tibi  
concedo, in nomine Patris, et Filii, + et  
Spiritus 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.

*[Benedic, + Dómine, hanc Ólei creatúram et ipsum étiam infirmum (ipsam étiam*

*infirmam) 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 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 ætérrnam. 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 Iesus 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  
benedícat. R. Amen.

Et vos omnes, qui hic simul adéstis,  
benedícat 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.]*



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## COMMENDATION FOR THE DYING

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, *Lord, save your*  
*people.*

From everlasting death, *Lord, save your*  
*people.*

On the day of judgment, *Lord, save your*  
*people.*

By your coming as man, *Lord, save your*  
*people.*

By your suffering and cross, *Lord, save*  
*your people.*

By your death and rising to new life,  
*Lord, save your people.*

By your return in glory to the Father,  
*Lord, save your people.*

By your gift of the Holy Spirit, *Lord, save  
your people.*

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, 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 Pharaoh.

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.*

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.

*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.**