

## ¶ Prayers in Preparation for Baptism

*Candles may be lit*

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all;  
you lead us from death to life.  
In baptism you create a new people,  
cleansing us from sin,  
consecrating us to service,  
and transferring us from the dominion of darkness  
into the kingdom of your beloved Son,  
where with all your people, we may know your grace  
and proclaim your unchanging glory.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Two or three short readings may be read, interspersed with silence  
or appropriate music. The readings may be drawn from those of the  
season or may reflect the particular circumstances of the candidates  
and their families. Other possible readings include:*

Matthew 3.13-4.2; Mark 1.1-8; John 3.1-6; Romans 6.3-5;  
Romans 8.14-17; Colossians 1.9-14; Colossians 3.1-14; 1 Peter 1.3-9.

*A period of reflection and prayer follows.*

The Lord who called us has called us by name.

*All* **Father of all, renew us and bring us life.**

The Lord who formed us has also redeemed us.

*All* **Jesus, light of the world, love us and bring us life.**

When we pass through fire and water, the Lord will be with us.

*All* **Spirit of God, lead us and bring us life.**

We shall not be overwhelmed,  
for the Lord God is our saviour.

*All* **Creator, redeemer, sustainer, bring us life. Amen.**

*(or)*

Lord God, in the beginning you called forth light  
to dispel the darkness that lay upon the face of the deep.  
Deliver your servants from the powers of evil  
and enlighten us with your presence,  
that with open eyes and glad hearts  
we may worship you and serve you,  
now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

Lord Christ, true light of the world,  
shine, we pray, in the hearts of your people,  
that we might see the Way that leads to eternal life,  
and follow without stumbling;  
for you are the Way, O Christ,  
as you are the Truth and the Life.

*All* **Amen.**

Come, Holy Spirit, come;  
come as wind, come as fire.  
Convict, convert and consecrate our hearts and minds,  
to our great good, and to your great glory;  
who with the Father and the Son are one God,  
now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

*The people may be invited to add their own prayers.*

*The Lord's Prayer is said.*

*The prayers conclude with*

Gracious God,  
whose faithfulness never fails,  
may those who seek find the kingdom,  
those who knock see an opened door,  
those who ask receive the gift of new life  
which you offer freely to all  
in Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**