

Anglican Style Order of Prayer - Liturgy for Personal Conversion

Preface:

The Anglican tradition draws from both biblical foundations and the Book of Common Prayer to provide a meaningful liturgy for personal conversion. This Anglican-style liturgy embraces the belief in salvation through faith, confession, and the profound spiritual journey in Christ.

Biblical Support: *The liturgy incorporates key biblical passages, such as John 3:16, which underscores the foundational message of God's love and redemption through faith in Jesus Christ. Romans 10:9 reminds us of the power of confession and faith in the Lord.*

Book of Common Prayer (BCP): *The structure and language of the liturgy are influenced by the Anglican Book of Common Prayer, providing a familiar and reverent framework for prayer and worship. This liturgy respects the Anglican tradition and offers guidance for personal conversion.*

📖 **Introduction:** In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

📖 **Opening Sentences:** Layperson: "The Lord be with you." Response: "And with your spirit."

📖 **Collect:** Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of faith and the desire of [Name] to embrace the faith of Christianity. Grant them your guidance and grace as they take this step. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

📖 **Scripture Reading:** Layperson: "Let us hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ from the Gospel according to St. John, chapter 3, verse 16."
Layperson reads John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

📖 **Declaration of Faith:** Layperson: [Name], do you:

- Believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
- Believe that Jesus died to pay the penalty for your sins and rose again from the dead?
- Trust Him alone for your salvation?

[Name]: Yes, I do.

📖 **Prayer of Conversion:** Layperson: As Romans 10:9 reminds us, "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Heavenly Father, I confess my need for Your forgiveness and salvation through Jesus Christ. I turn away from my sins and ask for Your mercy. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus, and be my Savior. I place my trust in You, and I commit to follow You all the days of my life.

Layperson: therefore where a true belief exists as you have so declared here and now, God says he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him...He chose us before the foundation of the world (**Ephesians 1:4**)

Baptismal Affirmation: Layperson: In accordance with Acts 2:38, which says, "...Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

[Name], if you were christened as a child, I commend you to seek guidance from the One Holy and Apostolic Church and those who have pastoral responsibility for you, as you continue to explore your faith journey.

If you are not sure, or have not been baptized or christened, I acknowledge that the rite of baptism can be administered lawfully by a lay person in an emergency *{it is to be established if an emergency exists}*, following the traditional baptismal rite, with water and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

In an emergency, a lay person may be the minister of baptism, and should subsequently inform those who have the pastoral responsibility for the person so baptized.

The minister pours water on the person to be baptized, saying

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

May your commitment to Christ be strengthened as you take this significant step in your faith.

Blessing: Layperson: The peace and grace of God be upon you, [Name], as you journey in faith. May you grow in the knowledge and love of Christ, and may your life be a testament to His redeeming grace.

Closing Prayer: Layperson: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the faith of [Name] and the new beginning that has taken place today. Bless and keep them, lead them in the way of truth, and guide their steps in the path of righteousness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

As our saviour taught us, so we pray...

"Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen."

Closing: Layperson: Go in peace, [Name], and may the love of Christ go with you.