

Baptismal Litany (adapted from the liturgy of the Reformed Church in America and the United Methodist Church)

Leader: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, wherever we are in the journey of faith,
We remember that, in baptism:
God claims us and seals us to show that we belong to Jesus Christ;
Forgives us and frees us from sin and death;
Unites us to Jesus in his death and resurrection;
Makes us members of the church, the body of Christ; and
Empowers us by the Spirit to join Christ's mission in the world.

**All: By the Holy Spirit, we who believe and are baptized receive a calling
To witness to Jesus as Savior and Lord, and
To love and serve those with whom we live and work.
We are ambassadors for Christ, who reconciles and makes whole.
We are the salt of the earth; we are the light of the world.**

Leader: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm your baptismal covenant to turn away from sin and follow in the way of Christ?

All : We do.

Leader: Will you nurture one another in Christian love and include Virgil in your care?

**All: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround Virgil with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and
be found faithful in his service to others.
We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Leader: Virgil, as a member of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

Baptismal Candidate: I will.

Leader: It is our joy to welcome you as a brother in Christ. Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and become a part of the Body of Christ. We are all one in Christ Jesus.

All: Praise be to God!

Leader: Members of the Body of Christ, we commend Virgil to your love and care. May you do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

All: Virgil, we give thanks for the gifts that God has given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Leader: May the God of all grace, who has called us to join in the life of Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live into God's calling on your life.