

E. Before surgery

God of compassion, our human weakness lays claim to your strength. We pray that through the skills of surgeons and nurses your healing gifts may be granted to *N*. May your servant respond to your healing will and be reunited with us at your altar of praise. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *R. Amen.*

F. For a child

God our Father, we have anointed your child *N*. with the oil of healing and peace. Caress him/her, shelter him/her, and keep him/her in your tender care. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *R. Amen.*

G. For a young person

God our healer, in this time of sickness you have come to bless *N*. with your grace. Restore him/her to health and strength, make him/her joyful in spirit, and ready to embrace your will. Grant this through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Then the priest blesses the sick person, using one of the following:

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.*

Or:

May God the Father bless you. *R. Amen.*

May God the Son heal you. *R. Amen.*

May God the Holy Spirit enlighten you. *R. Amen.*

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK IN A HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION

The priest greets the sick person and the others present. One of the following greetings may be used:

A. The peace of the Lord be with you always. *R. And with your spirit.*

B. The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. *R. And with your spirit.*

INSTRUCTION

Lord God, you have said to us through your apostle James: "Are there people sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up. If they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them."

Lord, we have gathered here in your name and we ask you to be among us, to watch over our brother/sister *N*. We ask this with confidence, for you live and reign for ever and ever. *R. Amen.*

Or the following instruction may be used:

My dear friends, we are gathered here in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who is present among us. As the gospels relate, the sick came to him for healing; moreover, he loves us so much that he died for our sake. Through the apostle James, he has commanded us: "Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them." Let us therefore commend our sick brother/sister *N*. to the grace and power of Christ, that he may save him/her and raise him/her up.

If the sick person so wishes, the sacrament of penance may now be celebrated.

LITURGY OF ANOINTING - LAYING ON OF HANDS

In silence, the priest lays his hands on the head of the sick person.

LITURGY OF ANOINTING - ANOINTING

First, he anoints the forehead, saying:

Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.

Then he anoints the hands, saying:

May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up. R. Amen.

The sacramental form is said only once, for the anointing of the forehead and hands, and is not repeated.

Depending upon the culture and traditions of the place, as well as the condition of the sick person, the priest may also anoint additional parts of the body, for example, the area of pain or injury. He does not repeat the sacramental form.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer in these or similar words:

And now let us pray with confidence as Christ our Lord commanded:

*All say: **Our Father...***

PRAYER AFTER ANOINTING

Let us pray.

A. General

Father in heaven, through this holy anointing grant *N.* comfort in his/her suffering. When he/she is afraid, give him/her courage, when afflicted, give him/her patience, when dejected, afford him/her hope, and when alone, assure him/her of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

B. General

Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, by the grace of your Holy Spirit cure the weakness of your servant *N.* Heal his/her sickness and forgive his/her sins; expel all afflictions of mind and body; mercifully restore him/her to full health, and enable him/her to resume his/her former duties, for you are Lord for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

C. In extreme or terminal illness

Lord Jesus Christ, you chose to share our human nature, to redeem all people, and to heal the sick. Look with compassion upon your servant *N.*, whom we have anointed in your name with this holy oil for the healing of his/her body and spirit. Support him/her with your power, comfort him/her with your protection, and give him/her the strength to fight against evil. Since you have given him/her a share in your own passion, help him/her to find hope in suffering, for you are Lord for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

D. 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.**