

Prayer in the Divine Will for the Spiritual Adoption, Baptism, and Heavenly Glory of the Unborn

Holy Infant Jesus, accompanied by Our Blessed Mother Mary, I fuse myself in Your Will and in Your Love. In Your universal and timeless Eternal Will, I am present at the conception of each unborn infant – past, present and future – in danger of death or left abandoned in a laboratory.



I desire to spiritually adopt¹ each child and request their Guardian Angels to name them. For each child, I also choose a second name: Mary for a girl and Joseph for a boy.

I ask You, for these spiritual children of mine, to enclose them in the Sacred Wound of Your Most Sacred Heart, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and immerse them in the boundless ocean of love, joy and peace that flows from Your Two Hearts.

I pray You, Jesus, the High Priest, to baptise² and sanctify them with the Blood and Water, which gushed forth from Your Sacred Heart as

¹ The Catholic tradition of the spiritual adoption of children in danger of abortion was promoted by Archbishop Fulton Sheen. He recommended the prayer: "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion."

² The Baptism referred to here is not sacramental Baptism. Christ teaches that "Baptism is necessary for salvation" (*CCC 1257; Cf. Jn 3:5*). Yet, while He "has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, ... He Himself is not bound by the sacraments" (*Ibid.*). Thus, "the Baptism of blood, like the desire for Baptism, brings about the fruits of Baptism without being a sacrament" (*CCC 1258*).

a Fount of Mercy for them. I ask You to pronounce [or “With You, I pronounce”]³ the words, “I baptise you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Please seal each child’s life, cut short, with Your breaths, heartbeats, thoughts, words, acts, prayers, joys, sufferings, sorrows, and Your glorious Resurrection. Cover them, too, with the maternal love, tears and sorrows of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. May each child enter our Heavenly Father’s beatific vision, transformed, compensated and sanctified to the fullest in Your image and likeness. Glorify each one with the infinite, perfect, and eternal version of their lives “as if” they had lived their entire lives in Your Divine Will.

Welcome to God's family, my precious little ones!

Amen.⁴

Moved by a desire for the Baptism of unborn children who are in danger of death (through miscarriage or abortion) or abandoned in laboratories, we ask Christ to spiritually baptise them, since they cannot receive the sacrament. In the Divine Will, this desire also embraces all unborn children of all time.

Why do we pray for the unborn who have died, asking God to grant them the grace of Baptism? The Church teaches in *The Hope of Salvation for Infants who Die Without Being Baptized* and CCC 1261 that we may confidently hope for “a path to salvation,” entrusting them to the mercy of God. Because their state of heavenly beatitude is uncertain, we pray in love and trust for God to give them the grace they could not receive sacramentally.

³ This wording may be used when a priest prays the prayer, acting in *persona Christi*. It may also be used by any person, since the Church teaches that anyone can baptise an infant in danger of death (CCC 1256, *Council of Florence, no. 1315 [Denzinger-Schönmetzer]*; Code of Canon Law, *can. 861.2, 867.2 and 871; also, can. 868.1, 868.2, 869.1 and 870*).

⁴ This prayer was composed by Sam W. Khadhour, OCDS, and published on the Solemnity of St Joseph, 19 March 2025, with the blessing of the Most Rev. Severo C. Caermare, D.D., Bishop of Dipolog, Philippines.