

# Rite of Blessing of Children



**Celebrant:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation:** Lord, have mercy.

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus Christ Who embraced the little children when they came or were brought to You, and laying Your hands on them blessed them and said: “Let the little children come to me and do not stop them. The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these; and their angels ever see the face of my Father” we beg You to look with favor on the innocence of these children here present and on the devotion of their parents, and to bless them today through our ministry. Let them advance in Your grace and goodness, the better to know You, love You, fear You, and serve You, and happily reach their blessed destiny. We ask this of You, Saviour of the world, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

May God bless you, and may He be the guardian of your hearts and your understanding, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** Amen.