

Application for Baptism



(He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa New Zealand Prayer Book 378 ...)



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Concerning this Service (NZ Prayer Book)

When someone is baptised, that person is brought to Jesus Christ, and made a member of Christ's Church. It is a new start to life in which the baptised person is accepted and sealed by God with the Holy Spirit to represent Christ to the world. As a response to the baptism which God gives us, we and the candidates declare our faith and intention to serve Christ, and ask for God's continuing grace to support us in the task to which we are called.

Baptism of Child

When a baptism is of a baby or a child, the baptised receives the love and shared faith of the family to grow up into Christ. Through prayer and fellowship within the body of Christ God strengthens and nourishes us.

As parents and godparents we are help with your presence, your prayers and your love. Jesus Christ came that we might have life, and have it in all its fullness. It is the Church's teaching that baptism cannot be repeated in a person's life, because it is the action of God which declares our relationship 'in Christ'.

*The services of **The Liturgy of Baptism** provide for a process of response to the baptismal action by a profession of faith and commitment to Christian service, as well as promises by parents and godparents to nurture the faith of a child baptised. Either at the same time as baptism, or at a later stage in the person's life, those making a profession of faith for the first time are confirmed by the bishop through the laying on of hands. Those seeking to renew such promises also receive the laying on of hands with a suitable prayer. It may be appropriate for some candidates to give personal witness to their faith at **The Affirmation**.*

In both services all members of the congregation have an opportunity to renew their faith in Jesus as Lord and in the Creed profess the faith of their baptism.

Baptismal Discipline

Within the fellowship of the Church, and with its help, it is the responsibility of parents and godparents of children baptised to teach the child

- the Lord's Prayer and how to pray*
- the Creeds and the Faith of the Church*
- the Commandments and how to obey the teaching of Christ*
- and how to read the Scriptures to discover the Word of God.*

They are also to encourage their child to take their place in the eucharistic community, to make a commitment to the Lord, and in Confirmation to receive, in the laying on of hands, the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit for witness and service.

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Please complete this form for the Church register - it is okay to leave blanks

**Full Name of the person
to be Baptised:** _____

Date of Birth: _____

**Father's Full Name:
and Occupation** _____

**Mother's Full Name:
and Occupation** _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Name of Sponsors (godparents) _____

