

## **Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling Holy Water:**

P. Dear friends, this water will be used to remind us of our baptism.

Let us ask God to bless it, and to keep us faithful to the Spirit he has given us.  
*[or similar words of introduction]*

*Option A:*

P. God our Father,  
your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth;  
it washes away our sins and brings us eternal life.

We ask you now to bless this water,  
and to give us your protection on this day  
which you have made your own.  
Renew the living spring of your life within us and protect us in spirit and body,  
that we may be free from sin and come into your presence to receive your gift of salvation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
A. Amen.

*Option B:*

P. Lord God almighty, creator of all life, of body and soul,  
we ask you to bless this water:  
as we use it in faith forgive our sins and save us from all illness and the power of evil.  
Lord, in your mercy give us living water, always springing up as a fountain of salvation:  
free us, body and soul, from every danger, and admit us to your presence in purity of heart.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
A. Amen.

*Option C (during the Easter Season):*

P. Lord God almighty, hear the prayers of your people:  
we celebrate our creation and redemption.  
Hear our prayers and bless this water which give fruitfulness to the fields,  
and refreshment and cleansing to man.  
You chose water to show your goodness when you led your people to freedom  
through the Red Sea and satisfied their thirst in the desert with water from the rock.  
Water was the symbol used by the prophets to foretell your new covenant with us.  
You made the water of baptism holy by Christ's baptism in the Jordan:  
by it you give us a new birth and renew us in holiness.  
May this water remind us of our baptism, and let us share the joy of all who have been baptized at Easter.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
A. Amen.

*[After blessing the water, the priest moves through the church sprinkling all of the people while an antiphon or other song is sung. When the sprinkling and the song is finished, the priest concludes this rite as follows:]*

P. May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the eucharist we celebrate  
make us worthy to sit at his table in his heavenly kingdom.  
A. Amen.

*This rite is commonly celebrated during the Easter Season*

