

Sanctification of water for act of asperges:

That these waters may be sanctified by
the power, and effectual operation, and
descent of the Holy Spirit,

let us pray to the Lord.

That there may descend upon these
waters the cleansing operation of the super-
substantial Trinity,

let us pray to the Lord.

That this water may be unto the
healing of souls and bodies, and unto the
banishing of every hostile power,

let us pray to the Lord.

That the Lord our God will send down
the blessing of Jordan, and sanctify these
waters,

let us pray to the Lord.

For all those who entreat of God for
grace and protection,

let us pray to the Lord.

That he will illumine us with the light
of understanding, with the consubstantial
Trinity,

let us pray to the Lord.

That the Lord our God will show us
forth sons and heirs of his kingdom, through
partaking of and sprinkling with these
waters,
let us pray to the Lord.

Blessing of the Fleet
Great Salt Lake State Marina
2 May 2024

Holy and gracious Lord, we gather today to
celebrate the return of our Beloved Lake, or
perhaps, our Inland Sea. We are grateful, as our
absence has been long.

We are grateful O' Lord, those who govern
this fair state, especially Gov. Cox and Lt Gov.
Henderson. And, we pray for the State Legislators
who write the laws and commit the resources for
our parks, especially this Great Salt Lake.

Make us mindful that so we can have a time
for recreation that others have to labor. We pray a
special blessing on the Division of Natural
Resources, Parks and Recreation Rangers and
staff who protect and maintain this park facility
for our use, especially Joel, Scott, Chris, David,
Angelic, Holly, Caleb, Grant, Julie, Debbie, Ryan,
Joe, Ron, Calvin, Chad, and Greg. We remember
especially Pahoo, who served this Park for many
years and who is unable to be with us.

We pray also for the volunteers of the Emergency Rescue Team, who aid the Marina staff, that they remain safe as they are involved with great intensity.

We pray for for the departed souls of members of our community, who have departed us in the past year, Ray and Renata Janus, Bry and Marta Pratt, Duane Evans, John Twitchell, Lou Ma'te, Matt Larsen, Colin Jensen, Ed Clark, Dave Dingman, Don Hutchinson, Taylor Kipp, David Taylor, and Travis Ghizzone.

We pray for a right spirit for those that use this great body of water for the refreshing of our spirits: Great Salt Lake Yacht Club, the high schools, college and university teams that train here. We remember especially the "Friends of the Great Salt Lake."

We are aware that as a result of the recent threat of a dry lake, that a number of organizations have been created with a zealous interest in the preservation of the Lake. We pray that these organizations will receive interest as well as financial support to maintain those interests. **They are needed.**

We think also of those with a commercial interests at this Lake. We pray for a right spirit for that those interests reflect an awareness of our delicate ecology, that stewardship of the Lake resources are ever present in their activities and that they project to those they serve, a love and respect for this great resource that is given to us.

Make us also mindful of those who are less fortunate than us, especially during these difficult economic times. Imbue us with a generous spirit that we reach out and give loving help to those in need.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son, Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah.

At this time Lord we ask that you bless this Park and bless this Great Salt Lake and especially our vessels with your protective spirit. Keep us from harm's way. Fill us with a love of each other as you have loved us and blessed us with your creative spirit. Bless us with favorable winds and following seas. These things we pray in Christ's name.

And now the Irish Blessing, with a single word change:

May the sea rise up to meet you
May the wind always be at your back
May the sunshine warm upon your face
And the rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

And May the Blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and
remain with you and yours forevermore!

Amen

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

2 O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

3 Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and power,
thy children shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

32. For the Good Use of Leisure

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

43. For Rain

O God, heavenly Father, who by *thy* Son Jesus Christ *hast* promised to all those who seek *thy* kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their life: Send us, we entreat *thee*, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to *thy* honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

See also Various Occasions no. 19.

Almighty God, in giving us dominion *41. For the Conservation of Natural Resources*

over things on earth,
you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*