PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK + Rites of Anointing and Viaticum

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TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Gracious God,
I am in your Sacred Presence
about to take the Bread of Life to those who
are unable to participate in the parish
celebration of the Eucharist.
Thank you for the honor to carry Christ to them.
Bless my hands that they may
be fitting instruments of this Holy Visitation.
Bless my heart, that I may prayerfully carry
the Bread of Life to those in need.
May my attitude, my reverence and
my concern for others be of Your divine heart.
I ask this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
who lives with You and the Holy Spirit
now and forever.

Amen.

A BLESSING OF THE SICK (FOR ADULTS)
[A lay minister traces the sign of the cross on the forehead of each sick person and says the following prayer of blessing]

Lord, our God,
Who watch over your creatures with unfailing care,
keep us in the safe embrace of your love.
With your strong right hand raise up your servants
(N. and N.)
and give them the strength of your own power.
Minister to them and heal their illnesses,
so that they may have from you the help they long for.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A BLESSING OF THE SICK (FOR CHILDREN)
[A lay minister traces the sign of the cross on the forehead of each sick child and says the following prayer of blessing]

Lord, our God,
your Son Jesus Christ welcomed little children and blessed them.
Stretch out your right hand over these little children,
N. and N., who are sick.
Grant that, made well again,
they may return to their parents
and to the community of your holy Church
and give you thanks and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.