



## Baptismal Rite *from the liturgy of the* French Reformed Church

These words may be said either as an invitation, before administering the water,  
or following the baptism (and anointing) and before the concluding prayer.

The minister, holding the child, says:

For you, little one,  
the Spirit of God moved over the waters at creation,  
and the Lord God made covenants with his people.

It was for you that the Word of God became flesh  
and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

*John 1:14*

For you, [Name], Jesus Christ suffered death  
crying out at the end, "It is finished!"

*John 19:20*

And for you Christ triumphed over death,  
rose in newness of life,  
and ascended to rule over all.

All of this was done for you, [Name],  
though you do not know any of this yet.  
But we will continue to tell you this good news  
until it becomes your own.

And so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled:  
"We love because God first loved us."

*1 John 4:19*

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