

ORDER OF TEVILLAH
(Baptism, Miqvah)
from several ancient sources

Vero Essene Yahad

Brothers and sisters in Messiah:
Through the work of Tevillah,
we are initiated into the set-apart Assembly of Yahweh.
We are incorporated into Elohim's mighty acts of salvation
and given new birth through water and spirit.
All this is Elohim's gift, offered to us without price.

(Parents and/or youth and adults are asked these questions):

On behalf of the whole Yahad, I ask you:
Do you believe in Elohim and profess the Messianic faith
as contained in the Scriptures?

I do.

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power Elohim gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Yahshua Messiah as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his favor,
and promise to serve him as your Master,
in union with the Yahad that Messiah has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the favor given you, will you remain faithful *members* of Messiah's qadosh Yahad
and serve as Messiah's *representatives* in the world?

I will.

(Only parents are asked this question):
Will you nurture *these children (persons)*
in Messiah's qadosh Yahad,
that by your teaching and example they may be guided
to accept Elohim's favor for themselves,
to profess their faith openly,
and to lead a Messianic life?

I will.

The zachen addresses the congregation:

Do you, as Messiah's body, the Yahad,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Messiah?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Messianic faith and life and include *these persons* now
before you in your care?

**With Elohim's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Messiah.**

We will surround *these persons*
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that *they* may grow in *their* service to others.

We will pray for *them*
that *they* may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.

(FOR INFANT BAPTISM)

BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONGREGATION:

As a symbol of this congregation's commitment to fulfill the vows we have just made, we give
these Sacred Scriptures to you for *this child*.

Zachen:

“Little child, for you Yahshua Messiah came.
For you he struggled, for you he suffered;
for you he endured the darkness of the Skull;
for you he triumphed over death. For you.
And you little child know nothing of all this,
but this we do affirming the word of the Apostle:
“We love Elohim because Elohim first loved us.”

Let us pray:

Eternal Elohim:

Pour out a qadosh spirit
to bless this gift of water and *those* who *receive* it.
Throughout *their* lives
wash away *their* sin
and clothe *them* in righteousness,
that, dying and being raised in Messiah,
they may share in his final victory. Amen.

(*Zachen takes the child.*)

What name is given this child?

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and a qadosh spirit.

Our Yahad's promise to pray for *name's*
and his/her family begins today.

(by LAY PERSON)

Let us pray.

O Elohim, our heavenly Father, grant that *name*, as *he/she* grows in years, may also grow in favor and in the knowledge of the Master Yahshua Messiah, and that by the restraining and renewing influence of the Qadosh Spirit *he/she* may ever be a true *child* of yours, serving you faithfully all *his/her* days. So guide and uphold the *parents* of *this child* that, by loving care, wise counsel, and qadosh example, they may lead *him* into that life of faith whose strength is righteousness and whose fruit is everlasting joy and peace; through Yahshua Messiah our Sovereign. Amen.

(For ADULT or YOUTH BAPTISM)

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Name, I baptize you

in the name of the Father and Son.

YHWH defend you with his heavenly favor
and by his spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship
of all true disciples of Yahshua Messiah. Amen.