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Grant them the grace to know You and the desire to serve You. Inscribe their names in Your book of life. Let no evil thought find a place in their hearts and become a passion that brings destruction. Rather surround our Godchildren with Your heavenly angels. Having been baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire, guide them toward Your blessed commandments and burn up the weeds of all their offenses.

Forgive us, also, Lord, for all of the ways in which we have neglected, in thought, word or deed, to set and example of repentance and devotion for our spiritual children to follow. Enlighten our hearts and minds with the will and knowledge, from this moment forward, to fulfill our holy calling as the sponsors of their birth on high. Amen

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