

## **The text of the blessings from the Roman Ritual used for Holy Salt and Oil (not Holy Chrism)**

**SALT:** God's creature, salt, I cast out the demon from you by the living God, by the true God, by the holy God, by God who ordered you to be thrown into the water-springs by Eliseus to heal it of its barrenness. May you be a purified salt, a means of health for those who believe, a medicine for body and soul for all who make use of you. May all evil fancies of the foul fiend, his malice and cunning, be driven afar from the place where you are sprinkled. And let every unclean spirit be repulsed by Him who is coming to judge both the living and the dead and the world by fire. Amen.

Almighty, everlasting God, we humbly appeal to your mercy and goodness to bless this creature, salt, which you have given for mankind's use. May all who use it find a remedy for body and mind. And may everything it touches be freed from uncleanness and any influence of the evil spirit; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OIL:** Lord God Almighty, before whom the hosts of angels stand in awe, and whose heavenly service we acknowledge; may it please you to regard favorably and to bless and hallow this creature, oil, which by your power has been pressed from the juice of olives. You have ordained it for anointing the sick, so that, when they are made well, they may give thanks to you, the living and true God. Grant we pray, that those who will use this oil, which we are blessing in your name, may be delivered from all suffering, all infirmity, and all wiles of the enemy. Let it be the means of averting any kind of adversity from man, made in your image and redeemed by the precious blood of your Son, so that he may never again suffer the sting of the ancient serpent; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

These are the literal words from the Roman Rite for the blessing of these two Sacramentals. A careful reading should give everyone a firm understanding of their purpose as intended by our Holy Mother Church, and their power. Their use is NOT superstition; their use IS effective against the forces of evil for believers.

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