

## Application for Dedication

Let us hear the Word of the Lord as it comes to us in Deuteronomy 6:6-7; “And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk to them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”

This is the commandment of God, that we should diligently rear our children in our most holy faith. In obedience to this command, these parents want to present their child before the Lord.

The precedent for the ceremony of baby dedication may be found in Holy Scripture, as in the presentation of Samuel by Hannah (I Samuel 1:28) and of Jesus by Joseph and Mary (Luke 2:22). Paul reminded Timothy that “from a child” he had known the Holy Scriptures (II Timothy 3:15). Jesus considered “the little ones” infinitely precious, and said, “Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God” (Mark 10:14).

The purpose of baby dedication is really to be found in the purpose of the parents. Rightly understood, the ceremony is one of parental dedication. The parents are pledging themselves to obey the command of Paul, “provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). This ceremony is meaningless unless parents dedicate themselves, as well as their child, to God.

If it be your intention to present \_\_\_\_\_, to the Lord and to pledge yourselves to bring (him/her) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, Please initial after each of the following promises and sign this application at the bottom of the form.

We do recognize this child as a gift of God, and give heartfelt thanks for God’s blessing \_\_\_\_\_.

We do dedicate this child to the Lord who gave (him/her) \_\_\_\_\_.

We do pledge as parents that we will bring up this child “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_.

We promise to give this child every possible benefit of home, of school, and of the church \_\_\_\_\_.

We ask God’s blessing upon (his/her) life, to guide, guard, and direct (him/her) through all (his/her) years’ \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
God Father’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
God Mother’s Signature

For Administrative use

Father's full name: \_\_\_\_\_.

Mother's full name: \_\_\_\_\_.

Godfather's full name: \_\_\_\_\_.

Godmother's full name: \_\_\_\_\_.

Child's full name: \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_.

Date father became believer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date mother became a believer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date godfather became believer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date godmother became a believer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of church parents are members of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Name and address of church godparents are members of:

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Telephone Number to contact parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\* Please attach a copy of the Birth Certificate of the child being dedicated \*\*\*\*\*