

And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear sound, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle? 1st Corinthians 14:8 NLV

First Love Ministries, Inc.
PRAYER STUDY #142
BABY DEDICATION

*Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in His sight.
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One of the most significant characteristics of Jesus, evident in several passages of scripture, is His love for little children. Everyone loves a baby, and so did Jesus. I'm sure that most of you know the story from the Gospels where Jesus rebuked His disciples for keeping people away who wanted Jesus to bless their children. The story told from the Amplified Bible in Mark 10 says:

And they kept bringing young children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples were reproving them for it. But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and pained and said to them, "Allow the children to come to ME-do not forbid or prevent or hinder them-for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive and accept and welcome the kingdom of God as a little child does, positively shall not enter it at all." And He took the children up one by one in His arms and fervently invoked a blessing, placing His hands upon them.

It is a great responsibility to bring children into the world, and a baby changes a family forever. At First Love Ministries, we do not baptize infants, but we do dedicate them to the Lord who created them. This dedication asks the parents to covenant with God with First Love Ministries as a witness to this covenant. The Lord loans this child to the parents for a lifetime, whether brief or long, and appoints the parents as guardians of this precious life. The covenant pledge from the parents is that they will live the Christian life before their child and will promise to bring up the child in the Christian faith. With all of this in mind, we ask the parents the following questions:

Do you in presenting this child for dedication to the Lord confess your own personal faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

Do you as the parent of this child recognize that this baby is a gift given to you by God?

Do you therefore accept as your duty and privilege to live before this child a Christian life that reflects the principles of the Word of God; to exercise all godly care that this child be brought up in the Christian faith in a Christian home; and to ensure that this child be taught the Holy Scriptures?

What name is given to this child?

Let us pray. I dedicate this child to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. I pray today that he or she will be mightily used in these Last Days to bring glory to Jesus and to bring many sons and daughters to salvation in the Name that is above every name, the Name of Jesus. I pray that his or her life will be marked by purity and holiness and by joy and peace. We cut off any generational curses and iniquity drives passed down through either blood line and ask You, Jesus, to baptize this child in Your Spirit even at a young age. We thank-you for the preciousness of her life and the preciousness of your Spirit that we believe this child knows and feels even now. We plead PSALM 91 over her, where the ministering angels encamp around her, and we bless this child in your Name. AMEN.

Now we ask both parents, all grandparents, brothers and sisters, and any God parents to lay hands on this child, as we pray:

O God, our heavenly Father, grant that this child, as he or she grows in years, may also grow in faith and in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in love with You-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-, and that she or he may serve You faithfully all of his or her days. So guide these parents that, by loving care, wise counsel, and holy example, they may lead this child into that life of faith, whose strength is righteousness and whose fruit is everlasting joy and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep this child now and forevermore. AMEN