

Thanksgiving or Naming & Blessing Service

Minister:

Let us thank God that in His goodness He has given you _____.

God our Father, maker of all that is living, we praise you for the wonder and joy of being a family.

We thank you from our hearts for _____, for the joy of having *her/him* as part of this wider family.

Accept our thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parents:

God our Father, in giving us _____ you have shown us your love.

Help us to be trustworthy parents.

Make us patient and understanding, that *she/he* may always be sure of our love and grow up to be happy and responsible;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Godparents:

God our Father,

We thank you for the privilege of standing to support _____ and *her/his* parents.

Help us to encourage, strengthen and support them by our words and our actions, and help us to pray for them that they might all grow in their relationship with God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Minister:

Loving God, Thank you for the privilege of meeting together to celebrate your love and care for _____ and *her/his* family.

Help us, as the expression of the Body of Christ in this place, to be a blessing to them and to love them as you love them, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Minister gives a copy of the Bible, New Testament or a Gospel to the Family

This book contains the Good News of God's love. Read it, for it tells how you and your family can share in eternal life, by following Jesus.

The Minister takes the child with these words:

'They brought children for Jesus to touch. The disciples rebuked them, but when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the children come to me, do not try to stop them; for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.' And he put his arms round them, laid his hands upon them and blessed them.' Matt 19:13

Minister:

Almighty God, look with favour upon - _____, and grant that, being nourished with all goodness, *she/he* may grow in discipline and love until *she/he* comes to the fullness of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Other Prayers may be said

Final Prayers

_____, may the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace

or

_____, may the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.