

A Prayer of Dedication

To be used for a baby dedication service



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Lord, these tiny hands are so trusting. They are so innocent. And yet they will grow in a world that has been tainted by hatred, greed, sin, and darkness.

Lord protect these children. We give them to You.

Lord, the future seems so uncertain and yet we look at these children and mysteriously we have hope.

Guide their way Lord. Make their path straight and give them strength. We give these little ones to You.

As parents, spiritual leaders, teachers, mentors, and friends, Lord anoint us to give them an overwhelming sense of security that can only come from You.

Anoint us as ministers, Lord. We want them to see You in every aspect of our lives. We give them to you.

When they are hurting,

May we minister to them through Your power.

When they fail,

May we they offer the same grace that You offered to us.

When they are lonely,

May we reach out to them and commune with them . . . and remind them that You will never leave us nor will You forsake us.

You are Jehovah Shama—the God who is present.

When their bodies and minds are attacked by illness or disease, may they look to You.

You are Jehovah Rophe—the Lord who heals.

When they experience defeat may they look to You

Jehoveh Nissi—You are our victory.

When they are needy and poor, may they reach out to us and reach to You.

You are Jehovah Jireh—The Lord, our Provider.

When they are lost, and when they feel they don't have a purpose. Guide them.

You are Jehovah Rohi—The Lord our shepherd.

We give these little lambs to You.

This is our prayer for them:

We pray that You will be their shepherd, that they will not be left in need. Lord, make them to lie down in green pastures. May You lead them beside the still waters. Restore their souls. May You lead them into paths of righteousness for Your Name's sake. Yes, even though they will walk through the valley of the shadow of death, they will fear no evil for You are with them. May your rod and your staff comfort them. May You prepare a table before them in the presence of their enemies. May You anoint their heads with oil. May their cups run over. May goodness and mercy follow them all the days of their lives; and we pray that they will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

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