

# Infant Dedication Process

The purpose of an infant dedication is to provide an opportunity for parents and legal guardians to partner with God and the church in raising their children. The dedication is a public commitment before God, the church, and the infant's family. In the Bible, parents would bring their infants into the house of the Lord to present them to the Lord for His Blessing.

## Biblical References:

- **Luke 2:22, 25-38** "Now when the days of her purification according to the Law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord. And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. So, he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things, which were spoken of Him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem."
- **Luke 18:15-17** "Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever

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does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”

## Explanation:

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- An infant dedication is an act of presenting an *infant* to the Lord by the child’s parent(s) or guardian for prayer, asking for God’s favor, blessing and protection. The nature of an infant dedication necessitates a recent birth (the baby is *under the age of two*). The Pastor “presents” the new baby to the Lord to ask for His favor and protection as he/she grows to experience God’s purpose for their life.
- It is ideal for infant dedications to occur before the child has an opportunity to develop past infancy so that any prophetic utterances that are spoken are not based upon any natural observances, but are truly by the revelation of the Holy Spirit.
- It allows the church family to join their faith with the Pastor and the parents to believe for God’s success in the new infant’s life.

### Child Blessing:

An infant dedication and a child blessing are not the same. They are scheduled at different times in the child’s life.

- A child blessing is for children who are no longer infants. They generally apply for children over two years of age. A child blessing accomplishes similar results as an infant dedication, but children over the age of two can usually walk, talk, and have formed some personality traits that are distinct.
- Laying hands on an under-aged child is to be completed only with the permission of the child’s parent or guardian. An extended member of the child’s family should not be taken in place of this.

# Infant Dedication Script

1. **Greet the couples & family members.**

“Good afternoon\_\_\_\_\_. I want to welcome you to our Infant Dedication service. You are very important to these people standing before us and that’s why you’ve been invited to be here. I ask that you participate in this service by extending your faith and prayers for God to speak over your child today.

2. **Pray:** Let’s begin our time together with prayer.

3. **Invite Parents to come forward with infant.**

Parents, please come forward with your baby and face me.

The Bible says in Psalms 127, ***Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward.*** Your child is a gift and a reward from God to you. Today you have chosen to honor God by putting the life of your child back into His hands, as a gift to Him.

4. **Pledge for Parents**

As you respond **“I DO”** to the statements in this pledge, you are committing to train your child up in the way they should go, so when they get older they will not depart from it.

Read each statement and look at the parents as they respond, **“I DO.”**

**The Pledge Statement**

1. Do you commit yourselves this day as parents before your Heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ?
2. Do you pledge to raise your child to love and follow the Lord and His church all the days of his/her life?
3. Do you pledge to live the right example before your child, by the grace of God?
4. Do you renounce Satan, and every evil work of darkness, and sever all curses that might try to operate against your child’s life?
5. Do you pledge to teach your child the Word of God?
6. Do you pledge to raise your child in church in order to help your child accomplish God’s unique plan and purpose for their life?

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After all the pledges have been read and parents have responded with "I DO",  
**say aloud:** *"Then based on your dedication to The Lord and your commitment of faith today, we lay hands upon your child, and dedicate him/her to God's holy purposes."*

5. **Pour anointing oil** on your hands and anoint baby's forehead. Lightly lay your hand on the baby, beginning on baby's forehead and moving to each part of the body as you anoint them, and say,

*I anoint (baby's name) in the Name of Jesus Christ.*

**I anoint his/her HEAD** *(begin to pray over all things pertaining to it: mind of Christ, intellect, intelligence, thinking, comprehension, etc)*

I anoint the **EYES** (then pray/declare)

I anoint the **EARS** (pray/declare)

I anoint the **MOUTH/LIPS** (pray/declare)

I anoint the **HANDS** (pray/declare)

I anoint the **FEET** (pray/declare)

I anoint the **HEART** (pray/declare)

*\*As you touch each body part, speak blessing and believe for Holy Spirit utterance. If you do not receive prophetic utterance for a particular body, move on to the next. PRAY IN TONGUES & interpret as necessary.*

*\*If someone is ministering with you, this is the point when you can inquire if they have additional utterance for the child.*

6. **After praying, say:**  
Father, thank you for revealing some of your purpose for this child today. Let these parents/guardians know that You have already equipped them to lead & guide their child as these things come pass in their lives. We give you glory and honor, in Jesus' name, Amen.
7. **This concludes** our Dedication Service and thank you for supporting these families. Please feel free to take pictures with your loved ones at this time.
8. **Present Signed Infant Dedication Certificates** to the parents/guardians.