

Subject: Christening Ceremony
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CHRISTENING CEREMONY

This ceremony is the public recognition of the presence of a living God within the body and life of this child. It is an outward ritual intended to reveal the inner truth that God-consciousness has touched and abides in this child. We are gathered together here today to celebrate the Presence of God within _____.

Will (parent's names) please bring (child's name) forward?

In your acceptance of the role of mother and father, you have dedicated yourselves to the nurturing of _____'s body and the education of _____'s mind.

Today, as you present _____ for christening, I charge you with pledging yourselves to teach him/her the truth of being, that from the beginning s/he is aware that life's greatest truth is Perfect God, Perfect Life, Perfect Being.

Will you so conduct your life that not only by your word, but by your actions, _____ will learn to live joyously, creatively, abundantly, and harmoniously?

Will you teach him/her that s/he is a divine expression of the one living God, a God that knows only good and is only love?

This child is blessed with an abundance of love and blessed, too, by your dedication to his/her life. But s/he is, more importantly, blessed by right of birth, and his/her inheritance is the kingdom of heaven.

We need give him/her nothing, for the God of creation has given him/her everything. We need add nothing, for s/he already possesses everything. We need wash away nothing...no sin, nor error, for this child is perfect, even as God is perfect.

Today we come in wisdom and love to recognize this holy child's birthright and witness the dedication of those who would hold it sacred. May we too be reminded, on this sacred occasion, that the child of God, so evident in this precious being, is no different than the child that dwells within each of us. May we rededicate ourselves, even as we dedicate this child, to the Truth of Life. The God within the child that we were is the God that dwells within us still. May our lives be blessed by the remembrance of that truth.

TAKE CHILD.....HAVE ROSE AVAILABLE

As the rose symbolizes eternal love, and as water represents the flow of life, so these symbols are united in recognition of the presence and power of Divine Life within this child.

(Full name of child), in recognition of the eternal life expressing in and through you, and before those who pledge their love to you by their presence here today, I christen you, first in the name of God, the awareness of which is the source of abundant life; in the name of Love, the awareness of which is the greatest source of Joy; and in the name of Faith, the moving principle of Life, the awareness of which is the discovery of the fountain of youth and life, for faith is the beginning of eternal creativity.

This ceremony today binds you not to any man-made faith, but with strings of eternal givingness, to God itself.

(Full name of child), you are the joy of God expressed. May you come to know that as you are now enfolded in the arms of those who love you, so will God's love always enfold you, God's strength uphold you, and God's wisdom lead you on paths of joy.

LET US PRAY:

Creator of all Life, I dedicate this child to your care, that Perfect Intelligence may guide him/her, that unfailing love may illuminate his/her path; that the unlimited power of Divine creativity may be his/her life long companion; and that his/her journey may be accompanied always with love and awareness.

_____ we behold the living God within you. Never can you be separated from the Divine Presence that is your very life.

The God within me sees and acknowledges the God within you.... the God within you reflects the God within us all. For this remembrance, for the blessing of your life, and the gift of life to all, I give thanks and let it be so, AND SO IT IS! AMEN