

# A Child's Christening

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*Editor's Note: This was originally written for a boy, so the masculine pronouns are used throughout.*

At this time we are going to invite a precious child of God, \_\_\_\_\_ to come up. He is all of \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

## To the Child

\_\_\_\_\_, bring your mom and dad with you. Do we have any godparents or grandparents who are coming up also?

I invite all of us, as we prepare to baptize and celebrate \_\_\_\_\_, to allow ourselves to take in the awesomeness of his gorgeous, perfect soul—and it is. I also want all of us to know that God sees the same beauty when God looks at us. Yes, God sees the same potential, the same awesome potential in you and all of those around you!

Just as a beautiful flower was once a seed, and before a seed, the perfect idea in the mind of God, so did this child come forth from the perfect idea in the mind of God with the potential to grow and blossom in many wonderful ways.

I now invite you to join with me in a special prayer as we bless and express our appreciation for the gift to the world that comes through \_\_\_\_\_.

Father-Mother God,  
We open our hearts in deep gratitude for this child, this precious gift to us and to this world. Help us to remind him each day that he is your shining light.

May our vision be clear enough that we always see you shining through him. May our love be a constant source of support and encouragement for him. In the name and through the nature of the indwelling Christ presence within. Amen.

We are trained as a society to look at a child and see their beauty, and we are learning to look at each other and behold the Christ. So \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, we thank you today because I don't have anything magical to put in you. I am here to acknowledge what is within you already.

The Truth is that you were created by God, in God's image and likeness, and you are already quite perfect and quite whole. On this journey through life, you will have more and more opportunities to anchor that wholeness and that goodness of God.



And as a community, every time a child is christened, we anchor that commitment. As a community, we will take care of the children. That includes being a part of creating a sustainable future as we work in all areas of this world for peace. We also work to create a community, a world where children thrive and flourish and where their uniqueness is honored.

It is very important to realize that each of us in this community is a part of the support system that allows \_\_\_\_\_ to remember who he is on an ongoing basis.

## To the Godparents

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, we take godparents seriously because you are setting an example: with the quality of your life, with your relationship with the Divine, and with your joy, your love and your commitment to live a fulfilled and purposeful life. It is very important for you to know that you are going to be the example. You are also going to be challenged to hold the high watch for \_\_\_\_\_.

Mom and Dad have to set the boundaries, to set the limits that he grows by to know himself, but the godparents know the Truth, there are no limits on this holy child of God. So we take godparents very seriously when we invite you to live a fulfilled and happy life that he might have great examples.

\_\_\_\_\_ has come to you with infinite possibilities of good. He has come to teach you as well as to learn from you. He can teach you in every area of your life, for this child lives only in the present moment. He knows pure joy. He knows true love.

He can teach you true love, because he does not practice self-condemnation. He can teach you the perfection of living, for he experiences the ups and downs of life, both sadness and sorrow, but he does not carry regrets of yesterday or anxiety about tomorrow with him.

Jesus loved children and he loved to have them around Him. In the scripture Mark 10:13-16, this celebration of love was spoken about in this way:

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

### **To the Parents**

And Mom and Dad, you are called by God to carry a light for this child to grow by. He already is whole and ready to go. Your example of love, appreciation, joy, creativity, and wholeness will be the light that he grows by. So I challenge you to be the most happy and fulfilled that you could possibly be, so this holy child has the best possible chance to fulfill his potential.

These rose petals symbolize the love of God, the beauty of the divinity which lies within \_\_\_\_\_, and the spiritual awakening that we behold taking place in him as he travels through his life's journey.

Parents, this child comes to you endowed with the infinite possibilities of good. Today you are consecrating your acceptance of the great Trust that has been given you. I ask you to say aloud his full name and, as you do so, may your words be a prayer for wisdom and guidance. Will you name this child?

\_\_\_\_\_, I baptize you in the name of the Father, the God Presence; the Son, that divine potential within us all that Jesus showed us how to express; and the Holy Spirit which expresses through this glorious being of God.

### **To the Congregation**

We are going to sing "I Behold the Christ in You," and I invite you to let your love flow to this perfect child of God. Know that what you behold in one, you see in yourself also.

(Sing "I Behold the Christ in You.")

And \_\_\_\_\_, that is something that is true about everyone, but many people don't have it certified. Here is a certificate to make it whole and complete. Thank you very much!