



## **Covenant Of Dedication**

### **A Ceremony for Infant Dedication**

Life is a stewardship. It is not your own; you have been bought with a price—the precious blood of God’s own Son. Life is, therefore, God’s gift to you. It is to be returned to Him fulfilled and glorifying to Him. The opportunities and experiences in life are experiences in stewardship and worship. We are charged to render each experience to God.

Marriage is a stewardship in which one man and one woman are joined by God to be one flesh. Marriage is returned to God as an act of divine worship when two people live their lives in such a way that they exemplify the relationship between Christ and the church.

Parenthood is a stewardship. This child which we will dedicate today is not your own. He/she belongs to God. God gave him/her life and that life will be returned to God.

- You are the keepers of this treasure.
- You are the developers of this treasure.
- You are answerable to God for the manner in which you keep and develop this treasure.
- God has given you a privilege. You have the opportunity to return to God a treasure developed to its full potential spiritually and socially.

This stewardship requires certain commitments on your part. You are not prepared to dedicate this child unless you are yourself dedicated to Christ as your Savior and Lord. You are not prepared to believe for this child unless you believe for yourself and for your salvation. Though your faith will be no substitute for this child’s personal faith, it is essential to your act of dedication and your stewardship. I will ask you in Christ’s Name to affirm or to reaffirm your personal faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

To the father: Do you now affirm that Jesus Christ is your personal Savior and Lord?  
(Response: I do.)

To the mother: Do you now affirm that Jesus Christ is your personal Savior and Lord?  
(Response: I do.)

Please respond to the following pledges of dedication with the words, “We dedicate ourselves.”

To live a life of personal faith in Jesus Christ

We dedicate ourselves

To exemplify in the home the grace of God

We dedicate ourselves  
To live by the love of God demonstrated in thought, word and deed  
We dedicate ourselves  
To raise this child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord  
We dedicate ourselves  
To instill in this child a love for the Word of God and faithfulness in the worship of God  
We dedicate ourselves

Will the congregation please stand and share in this act of dedication? With the birth and dedication of this child this congregation has also inherited a stewardship.

These parents standing alone are not sufficient to the vows which they have just taken. This child on his/her own will not come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. These vows and the goal of personal salvation can be realized only in a community of faith.

You as the congregation of God are charged by God to provide a nurturing and supporting community of spiritual oversight and nurture for this child and his/her parents.

Please respond in unison to the following pledges with the words, "We dedicate ourselves."

To provide for these parents and this child a household of faith—the temple of the Holy Spirit

We dedicate ourselves

To provide for these parents and this child a sanctuary of prayer and love

We dedicate ourselves

To pray for these parents in the fulfillment of the vows which they have taken before God

We dedicate ourselves

To pray for this child that he/she come to an experience of saving faith early in life

We dedicate ourselves

To follow this child with our prayers and love throughout his/her life

We dedicate ourselves

(At this time the minister should receive the child from the parents and offer the prayer of dedication.)