

Dear God parent:

To be chosen as a godparent is a special honor. You, above all others, have been entrusted with the responsibility to participate in this child's Christian life and education. This privilege offers you the opportunity to develop a mutually enriching spiritual relationship - one that will last throughout this life and beyond.

There are many ways you can nurture this spiritual relationship and become a special friend to your godchild. Among them are:

- Celebrate the anniversary of this holy day of Baptism each year with a visit, a call, or a card.
- As your godchild grows, listen to and share in the struggles and triumphs of living a Christian life, and keep yourself informed on Christian doctrine and values, to be able to answer questions as they arise.
- Encourage a consistent life of faith through special cards, letters, or gifts which celebrate holy events. . . Christmas, Easter. . . and personal growth events. . . graduation, first job, engagement. (Gift suggestions: a bible, spiritual book, rosary, religious jewelry, gift certificate for religious goods/books, retreat opportunity.)
- Participate in, or send assurance of prayer, as your godchild receives the other sacraments, particularly First Communion and Confirmation, which complete initiation into the Church community.
- Be supportive of your godchild's parents in their role as the primary religious educators of their child.
- And most importantly, become a model of Christian living for your godchild, through daily prayer, virtue and active participation in parish life and liturgy.

By living a Christian life in partnership with your godchild, both of you will experience the great joy of sharing a life of faith. Everyone of us can think back and remember that one or more Adults who we looked up to. It is this kind of mentors who help us deal with the world and taught us the most important commandments to Love God and our Neighbour.

“There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and one Father of all.” (Ephesians,4:5-6)

Congratulations, and May God Bless You!

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PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK-AFTER BAPTISM

- Sunday:** *(day after baptism:)*
*Father, today we thank you for adopting child _____, as your son/daughter.
We ask your blessing on our little one that he/she may grow in your love.
with your help may we be good parents, always leading our family to love you more.
We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.*
- Monday:** *We thank you, Heavenly Father, for making our child a brother/sister of Christ.
Help us always to keep you present in our family life.*
- Tuesday:** *God our Father,
we praise you for making our child a temple of the Holy Spirit,
may he/she always know the splendor of your kingdom of light.*
- Wednesday:** *Lord Jesus,
we ask you to look with love on our child _____, whom you have
called to be a member of God's holy people. Inspire him/her to follow you always.*
- Thursday:** *Father, we thank you for calling our child _____ to praise you.
May we, as parents, offer all our thoughts, words and deeds in your praise.*
- Friday:** *Thank you God, for calling our child to be a person who will pray for all the
world. May he/she always give your love to others.*
- Saturday:** *Lord, we thank you for having welcomed our little child into your holy priesthood.
May he/she walk always as a child of light, proclaiming your faith
in prayer and good works.*

<i>Scripture Readings:</i>	<i>Matthew 22:35-40</i>	<i>1 John 3 : 1-2</i>
<i>Isaiah 49:15-16a</i>	<i>Matthew 5 :14- 16</i>	<i>John 4:5-14</i>
<i>Isaiah 43:10</i>	<i>Mark 10:13-16</i>	<i>Romans 6:3-5</i>
<i>Hosea 1 I :1-4</i>	<i>Mark 1: 9-11</i>	<i>Galatians 3:26-28</i>
<i>Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12</i>	<i>Mark 12:28b-34</i>	



A Prayer for Godparents

*Loving God,
You have given us these people, these friends to be the godparents of our child_____.*

*Protect them, preserve them, help them always along the path of life so that they may be present as this
small child grows into personhood.*

*It is a sometimes difficult world, Lord; let these godparents model for our child the love and courage
needed to follow your ways.*

*May these godparents help us in our duty as Christian parents, showing by word
and example what it means to be part of the body of Christ.*

Perhaps most importantly, Lord, let these godparents become our child's friend. Amen.