

# Thanksgiving Service

ST BEDES' S ANGLICAN CHURCH

## Introduction

Today we celebrate with this family the gift of their child. We seek God's blessing on them and pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will grow to know the Lord Jesus and follow him. And we pray also for the parents and godparents, that they will know God's power and love to guide them.

## Psalm 127

Unless the Lord builds the house,  
Those who build it labour in vain.  
Unless the Lord guards the city,  
The guard keeps watch in vain.  
It is in vain that you rise up early  
And go late to rest,  
Eating the bread of anxious toil;  
For he gives sleep to his beloved.  
Children are indeed a heritage from the Lord  
The fruit of the womb is his gift.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for trusting \_\_\_\_\_ to the loving care of \_\_\_\_\_.  
As they commit themselves to raise her, help them to seek you, and to call upon you to guide them and give them strength as they face the demands and responsibilities before them.

Grant that they will come to know you in their lives that they might show your love to their children.

To the godparents, \_\_\_\_\_, give grace and strength to honour their commitment to support \_\_\_\_\_.

We pray this through our God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen

## Naming

Name this child

## Blessing

\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn his face toward you and give you Peace. Amen.