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GUIDED PRAYERS FOR A NEW HOME OR
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A Prayer for the Dedication of a Home Church

This prayer is specifically for when you and your group first decide to meet together as a Home Church. Remember, a Home Church is not a building or a timeslot in your weekly schedule; a Home Church is the body of Christ-followers that abide in the Way of Jesus together. This prayer is not meant to dedicate a building, because a building was never meant to be the Church; the Wedding Feast of the Lamb does not celebrate the marriage of Jesus and a chapel or cathedral, but Jesus and His bride, the Church—His people.

This prayer is meant to be prayed once at the time of the Home Church's conception to dedicate the group to the Lord. The only need to pray through this again is if you decide to plant another Home Church out of your larger group.

Dedication Prayer

Father God, You created our inmost beings; You knit us together in our mother's womb. We praise You because we are fearfully and wonderfully made (see Psalm 139:13-14). Jesus, You are in the Father and we are in You (see John 14:20). When we heard Your message of Truth, the Gospel of our salvation, we believed and were marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit (see Ephesians 1:13). Because of Your great love, Father, You made us fully alive with Christ even when we were dead in our transgressions; You raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him and in Him in the heavenly realms. We have been saved by Your grace through faith. Thank You for this gift (see Ephesians 2:4-8).

As Your handiwork, we have been created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which You prepared in advance for us to do. Thank You, God, that we are no longer foreigners or strangers, but fellow citizens with Your people and also members of Your household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus, Himself, as the Chief Cornerstone (see Ephesians 2:10, 19-20). Thank You, God, that we are chosen by You to be part of Your royal priesthood and Your holy nation—Your special possession, set apart. You reached out to us, calling us out of darkness and into Your wonderful light (see 1 Peter 2:9). We are free in Christ Jesus (see Galatians 5:13).

Jesus, when You prayed for all the believers, those present and those to come, You asked the Father that we'd be unified as one, as You are one with the Father (see John 17:21-23). May we be one body of Christ. As members of this body, we will fulfill the Great Commandment to love You with all our hearts, souls, and minds and to love our neighbors as ourselves so that we can step in and serve the least of these and speak Your truth in love (see Matthew 22:37-39, Matthew 25:35-40, and Ephesians 4:15). If someone is hungry, we will give them food; if someone is thirsty, we will give them drink; if someone is a stranger, we will invite them in; if someone needs clothes, we will clothe them; if someone is sick, we will look after them; if someone is in prison, we will visit them all through the power of Your Holy Spirit (see Matthew 25:35-40). By doing this, may we begin to come back to our roots found in the Acts 2 Church—devoting ourselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship with others, to the breaking of bread,

to prayer, and to having everything in common with those around us; being mindful to ask the Spirit for a hymn, a word of instruction, a revelation, or a tongue or interpretation to bring in order to build up the Church (see Acts 2:42-47 and 1 Corinthians 14:26). In response to this, we will fulfill the Great Commission to make disciples of all the nations and baptize them in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (see Matthew 28:19).

We know that apart from You, we can do nothing. We will abide in the Vine so that we produce good fruit and have complete joy (see John 15:1-8). We will live a life worthy of the calling we have received, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace (see Ephesians 4:1-3). Fill us, God, with the knowledge of Your will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives so that we will live this life worthy of You and please You in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of You, and being strengthened with all power according to Your glorious might so that we will have great endurance and patience, giving joyful thanks to You (see Colossians 1:9-12).

Thank You, Father, for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to bring us abundant life (see John 10:10). Since we have been raised with Christ, set our hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father. Keep our minds there and not on earthly things, for we have died and our lives are now hidden with Christ in God. We put to death whatever belongs to our earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, greed, and idolatry. Holy Spirit, rid us of anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from our tongues. We have taken off our old selves and stand firm in our new selves. We will not give the devil a foothold in our lives. We firmly shut the doors that occultism, false faith and false religion, impure sexual encounters, trauma, and habitual sin in our lives or from generational family lines before us that have opened us to the kingdom of darkness and cover them with the blood of Jesus and the seal of the Holy Spirit (see Colossians 3:1-11).

Thank You, God, for Your light and forgiveness that make us new. Renewed in Christ Jesus, we clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with the Church and practicing forgiveness because we have been forgiven. May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts and may the resulting thankfulness stir us to sing to You with gratitude in our hearts (see Colossians 3:12-16). It is no longer we who live, but Christ in us (see Galatians 2:20). We no longer love the world—which is the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and pride of life. Instead, we stand firm in our love of God (see 1 John 2:15-16). We are anointed with the Holy Spirit (see 1 John 2:20). We will be slow to speak, slow to anger, and quick to listen at all times, to represent Christ well everywhere we go (see James 1:19).

Today, God, we do not merely listen to Your Word, we abide in the Way of Jesus (see James 1:22). Every good and perfect gift is from above, so we consider it pure joy when we face various trials because we know that the suffering and testing of our faith will produce perseverance and perseverance, character and character, hope. Thank You God that this hope does not put us to shame because Your love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has

been given to us (see James 1:2-4 and Romans 5:3-5). Father, we submit ourselves to You and Your Word—we will write it on our hearts, impress it on the generations to come, talk about it when we sit at home, walk along the road, lie down, and when we get up. We tie Your Word as symbols on our hands and bind it to our foreheads. We write it on the doorframes of our homes and on our gates (see Deuteronomy 6:5-9).

We belong to Jesus Christ of Nazareth. We sow His love today. His love is patient, kind, does not envy, does not boast, is not prideful. It doesn't dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. It doesn't delight in evil but rejoices with God's truth—always protecting, always trusting, always hoping, always persevering because God's love does not fail (see 1 Corinthians 13:4-8). We will not sow to please our flesh because that will reap destruction. We will sow to please the Spirit, because from the Spirit, we will reap eternal life. We will not become weary of doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. God, we refuse to give up and in doing so, Holy Spirit, we ask for Your strength to keep going, producing a holy work in us and through us (see Galatians 6:7-10).

Being united with Christ, as we abide in His love, we will share in the Spirit and humbly serve and love those around us (see Philippians 2:1). Consequently, Holy Spirit, may You grant us access to the spiritual gifts You want us to display today. May our intentional practice of the spiritual disciplines of Sabbath, prayer, fasting, solitude, generosity, Scripture, community and hospitality, witness, and service usher us into the Father's presence to dwell in the love of Christ and move through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

God, You are near (see Philippians 4:4). We will rejoice in You always. We will pray continually. We will give thanks in all circumstances because this is Your will for us in Christ Jesus. We will not quench the Spirit. We will not treat the prophecies with contempt but we will test them all. We will hold onto what is good and reject every kind of evil. God of Peace, sanctify us through and through. May our whole spirit, soul and body, be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. You Who calls us is faithful; You will surely do it (see 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24). Amen.



A Prayer for the Consecration of a Home

The first consecration prayer is a blessing over a family's home that can be used at any time or when a family moves into a new space.

The second consecration prayer is specifically to pray over the space you will be meeting in as a Home Church. If you rotate host homes, each new host home should be prayed over by the group before the first meeting in that place begins; there is no need to do this every time, only before the first meeting in that space.

The purpose of these prayers is to anoint the home, to set it apart (to make it a holy place to grow and meet with God), and to protect the people who live in the home as well as the members of the Home Church that meet there.

Consecration Prayer—For a Family's Home

Father, we dedicate this home in the Name of Your Son, Jesus, to You, and Your holy work. This home is set apart, belonging wholly to You, God. We pray that anyone who walks through the threshold of this home would be embraced by the love of Jesus. May Your gifts of laughter, joy, and peace be the pillars of this home. May we who live in this home love You, serve You, and honor You as Your Holy Spirit makes us more like Jesus everyday. May the fruit of the Spirit be evident in this place: an outpost for Your Kingdom that radiates love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control to our neighbors and our greater community (see Galatians 5:22-23). Your Word is written on this home's door frames, walls, and gates; we will impress it on the generations to come, talk about it when we sit in this home, when we walk along the roads beyond these walls, when we lie down to rest, and when we get up to live each day (see Deuteronomy 6:5-9).

From its foundation to the shingles of its roof, we anoint every bit of this home with Your Holy Spirit. Anything that does not belong to You, Father—specifically anything related to the kingdom of darkness—is not welcome here; be gone in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Thank You, Lord, for meeting us here in a special way when we gather as a family and as we grow physically as well as spiritually. Protect everyone who dwells in this home and any guest that we welcome into this place. Let this home always be an altar to Your faithfulness from generation to generation. We love You, Lord. Amen.

Consecration Prayer—Home Church Meeting Space

Father, we dedicate this home in the Name of Your Son, Jesus, to You, and Your holy work. This home is set apart for Your holy work, Father. We pray that anyone who walks through the threshold of this home would be embraced by the love of Jesus. May Your gifts of laughter, joy, and peace be the pillars of this home. Your Word is written on this home's door frames, walls, and gates (see Deuteronomy 6:5-9). We anoint this home with Your Holy Spirit. Anything that does not belong to You, Father—specifically anything related to the kingdom of darkness—is not



welcome here; be gone in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Thank You, Jesus, for meeting us here in a special way when we gather as a Home Church. Protect the people who dwell in this home as well as the members of our Home Church who will meet here each week. We love You, Lord. Amen.





