

A PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR A CHILD

God be with us as we pray.
We thank you for the safe arrival of our child.
Today is a very special day for us
as we welcome a new family member.

Blessed Lord,
You have graced us with a new life in this beautiful child.
Help us to be good parents showing our child your love,
Your forgiveness, and your daily presence in his/her life.
So he/she will grow to love you with all their heart.

We ask your blessings on _____ .
(child's name)

In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



A PRAYER BEFORE INFANT BAPTISM

God,

You have done it again!

A tiny, new creation has arrived on the scene,
And you overwhelm us
With the uniqueness of each new wonder child.

A new life,
Another chance for us as well-
A “wake up call” to your power!
We sing of your great work of art!

May we all gather around this child,
Act silly,
Make faces and tickle,
Flash pictures and videos,
Make merry,
And take turns in holding and rocking gently
This magical creature that has come to us
Almost from nowhere.

I do not know if this child can hear my singing,
And the acclamations of joy that we share-
But for our sake I do know this:
That when those little fingers wrap around my finger-
I feel your presence.

Amen.+