

Mission Community celebration/commissioning

Recognition of Particular Ministries

On the occasion of the Commissioning of a Mission Community it may be appropriate to include recognition of - and prayers for - those who are to undertake some particular ministry under the Mission Action Plan as eg evangelists, worship leaders or youth workers.

The following are examples of prayers which may be adapted according to circumstances.

The prayers may be accompanied by the giving of an appropriate symbol representing the particular ministry to be undertaken.

Those Working with Children

Lord Jesus,
 you welcomed children and blessed them,
 and reminded us that the kingdom of heaven
 belongs to such as these.
 Bless your servants who are to work
 with children in our community.
 Guide them in their projects,
 fill them with patience and love,
 and help them to inspire all with whom they work.
 Let your Spirit of wisdom and understanding be with them,
 and give them joy and peace in their hearts.
 Lord Jesus, we praise you,
 for you are Lord for ever and ever.
Amen.

Evangelists

Blessed are you, Lord God
 Creator of the universe and Father of all:
 you have called us to serve you and praise you
 in the family of your Church.
 Look with mercy on these your servants
 who are prepared to proclaim your word
 and to lead your people closer to your teaching.
 Bless them and purify their hearts this day
 so that they may always live by what they proclaim.
 Through their words and example,
 deepen the faith and love of your Church,
 and lead others to the knowledge of your saving love.
 Father, we ask this prayer
 through Jesus Christ your Son
 in the love of the Holy Spirit,
 one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Worship Leaders

Loving Father of all your people,
you have chosen us to sing your praises,
and you call us together
to hear your word and give you glory.
Give your blessing to these your servants
who are to assist in leading the worship of your Church.
Let them welcome all in your name,
and may they direct the offering of your priestly people
to your honour and glory.
Father, we ask this prayer
through Jesus Christ your Son
in the love of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Lay Ministers of Communion (licensed to administer holy communion to the sick)

Merciful Father,
creator and guide of your family,
bless these your servants
entrusted with administering
the eucharist to the sick.
Help them to grow in holiness,
that in this ministry they may be
examples of Christian living,
and faithfully and reverently
minister the bread of life and cup of salvation
to your people.
This we ask through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Musicians

Merciful Father,
we give you praise and glory for all your gifts.
In your love for your Church you have given the gift of musical ability
to these your servants.
Bless them as they use their talents for your glory
and for the good of your people.
Give them strength to continue their efforts
to lead your Church in music and song.
Fill them with joy as they carry out their ministry of praise.
Heavenly Father, we give you praise
through Christ your Son,
in the love of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.
Amen.

PCC Members

Ever-living God,
you gather us together
to carry the Gospel of Christ to all people.
Bless the members of *this/these* Parochial Church Council(s).
Let your Spirit enlighten their minds and guide all their actions
that your people may be renewed in faith,
united in love,
and bring to fulfilment the work of your Church
to your greater honour and glory.
Amen.

Other Church Officers

Almighty God,
we give you thanks for the many and varied ways
you build up your Church.
Bless these ...
Grant that they may be of service to your people
and bring honour and glory to your name.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.