

## **PGM CHURCH**

### **BABY/CHILD DEDICATION INFORMATION**

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Congratulations on your desire to dedicate your child to the Lord. Our church is excited to assist you in this important matter.

Child Dedication Ceremonies are conducted by request. For new babies, this is usually done within 6-8 weeks of the child being born.

Please contact our minister to discuss possible dates for a Baby/Child Ceremony. The church phone number is 09 3789838.

Private appointments with the minister are not necessary before a baby/child dedication ceremony. But if you have lots of questions concerning the significance of this event, or you feel you cannot honestly answer yes to all questions or if you have questions about how a baby dedication is different from infant baptism, please feel free to call the church office on 09 3789838 and schedule an appointment to talk with the minister.

A Child Dedication Form must be filled out and handed in at the church office at least 2 weeks before the scheduled Child Dedication Ceremony. You can invite family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, relatives, etc. to this special ceremony that will be held during our regular Sunday Services.

During the worship service, the minister will invite the parents, guardians, and the children they are dedicating to come to the front of the church.

The minister will explain the meaning of dedicating a child to the Lord.

The minister will ask one of the parents/guardians to introduce the child they are dedicating to tell the congregation the name, and age, and then read the verse they have chosen for the child. *(See attached list)*

**THE MINISTER WILL ASK THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

In presenting your child for dedication to the Lord, do you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord? Response: I do.

Do you understand ...

1. Your child is a gift from God.
2. Your child must see God's love and truth lived out in your life day by day.
3. You must consistently pray for your child's spiritual growth and protection for the rest of your life.
4. A healthy marriage relationship between a wife and husband is vital to the emotional and spiritual well-being of your child.
5. Do you promise to affirm your love for them by disciplining them when they are disobedient?
6. Do you promise to do your best to faithfully attend church with your child and will you seek to lead your child to a personal faith in Jesus Christ?

Response: I do. *(Please note, if you cannot honestly make these promises at this time, schedule a meeting with the minister before the scheduled dedication date)*

**The minister will ask the church to show their support by standing up.**

**The minister will then pray the following prayer of dedication (or something similar)**

*Based on the word of God and the holy resolve (answer) of these parents and guardians, we joyfully commend them and their children and the entire church to Christ for his enabling as we attempt to raise this child to know you and love you. Amen.*

A dedication certificate will be presented to your child.

The parents/guardians and children will then be dismissed from the platform to return to their seats (or take their child to the nursery)

## CHILD DEDICATION FORM

**Important:** hand this form to the minister or secretary two weeks before the Child Dedication Service. (31 Anglesea Street Ponsonby Auckland 1011, email: [pgmchurch@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pgmchurch@xtra.co.nz))

Name of mother or guardian (Full Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Does mother attend PGM Church ( ) Regularly ( ) Sometimes ( ) Never

What was mother's primary religious background/affiliation while growing up: (PGM Church, Presbyterian, Catholic, Unchurched, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of father or guardian (Full Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Does father attend PGM Church ( ) Regularly ( ) Sometimes ( ) Never

What was father's primary religious background/affiliation while growing up: (PGM Church, Presbyterian, Catholic, Unchurched, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Details:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Child to be dedicated.** (Full Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's dedication verse: \_\_\_\_\_

### If 2 Children are to be dedicated:

Name of Child to be dedicated. (Full Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's dedication verse: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Possible Bible Verses for your child's Dedication Ceremony**

During your Child's Dedication Ceremony, the minister will ask you to introduce the child that you are dedicated to, tell the congregation the name, and age, and then read the verse you have chosen for your child. You can choose one of the verses on the list or come up with a different verse that you would like to use.

*Please indicate on your baby dedication form which verse you have chosen for your child.*

Numbers 6:24-25 The Lord blesses you and keeps you: the Lord makes his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turns his face toward you and gives you peace.

Deuteronomy 4:9 Only be careful and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and their children.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 These commands that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home, when you walk along the road when you lie down, and when you get up.

Luke 2:52 Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

1 Samuel 2:26 The boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and favor with the Lord and with men.

Luke 1:80. The child grew and became strong in spirit.

Luke 2:40 The child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom and the grace of God was upon him.

Judges 13:24-25 The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the Lord blessed him.

1 Samuel 2:21 The boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the Lord.

2 Samuel 5:10 He became more and more powerful because the Lord God Almighty was with him.

Psalms 22:10 From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb, you have my God.

Joshua 24:15 As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.