

# Baby Dedication Ceremony

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Worthy Matron (or Worthy Grand Matron):

Sister/Brother Marshal, you will present \_\_\_\_\_, together with the parents, west of the Alter.

(Music: "Rock-a-Bye Baby," as parents and baby approach Alter.)

(Song: "Mighty Like A Rose," as Matron approaches Alter.)

Worthy Matron:

Sister \_\_\_\_\_ and Brother \_\_\_\_\_, it is a profound pleasure, tempered with a deep sense of responsibility, that I meet with you at our sacred Alter to join in the ceremony of dedicating this (or these) precious child (or children) to the service of our Heavenly Father and the betterment of humanity.

In the garden of your lives has blossomed the choicest of God's flowers, this (or these) baby (or babies). Even as the rosebuds unfold their petals, shedding their fragrance around them, so may this (or these) little one (or ones) grow in grace and strength, nurtured by your love, until she (or he) reaches the full flower of womanhood (or manhood).

(Present flowers.)

Prayer:

Eternal and Loving Father, source of innocence and purity, we lovingly dedicate to Thy service and to the service of our fellow-men this (or these) little child (or children) of our beloved members. May the sweet innocence and purity remain with her (or him) so she (or he) may experience the supreme joy and happiness of loving and serving Thee.

(Have the five Star Points colors in baby ribbon and tie around wrist.)

And now we invest you with our colors, "Remembering the blue ray of Adah teaches us to obey, the green ray of Martha teaches us how to pray, while Ruth's golden hue doth humbleness show and the white ray of Esther with courage aglow, but the red of Electa, the last of all, teaches the love that endureth whatever befalls, for love is God and God is true love, enfolding the earth and the heavens above."

(A recess should be declared for the ceremony. The age limit should be not over three years.)