

Child Dedication Sample Letter

July 28, 2019

Dear _____,

This letter is part of a College Park Church tradition that goes back to a time long before you were born. On the third Sunday in May 2019, your mom and dad were given the baton that I assume you have just opened. Our hope is that they have presented this to you on your 18th birthday so that you might know what we were thinking and praying at the time of your dedication.

In addition to this letter, there should be four other items in your baton:

- A copy of the promises that your parents publicly affirmed before the congregation and the words of dedication that were pronounced over you. I am praying now that, by the time you are 18 years old, you will be able to testify to the benefit of having parents who took these promises seriously. If God is pleased to give you children someday, I am praying that you will also be the kind of parent who embraces these same commitments.
- The prayer of dedication. It has been my privilege to pray this prayer but, as your parents were dedicating you to the Lord, I was preaching at a church in Queretaro, Mexico. Evan Collister was a young resident in our pastor-training program, and this was his first dedication prayer and the first time he participated in a dedication service. I know he worked very hard in preparing this prayer to express to the Lord the desires of our hearts for you and the other children who were dedicated on that day.
- You will also find the dedication certificate, which is meant to commemorate this significant moment in your life. You can see that the text we used for the certificate is taken from Colossians 1:9-12 and is also the benediction that Evan pronounced over you at the end of his dedication prayer.
- Finally, we have included a list with the names of the other children who were dedicated on this day. I wonder if you know any of them?

As you enter this next exciting season of life, may our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, hold you, and sustain you and your hope in him to your very last breath. May you always feel the hands of God's love holding you fast and the chords of His eternal purpose drawing you closer to Christ.

For God's glory and for your everlasting joy,

David Michael

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College Park Church