

## DEDICATION OF A PRIVATE HOME

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The residents of the house, together with others in attendance shall gather in a central place, or, if the weather permits, on the porch, or even on a lawn.

The words of the hymn “Happy The Home When God is There” or some other suitable verse may be used in opening the service.

**Pastor:** “Except the Lord build a house, they labor in vain that build it... Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God... Peace be to this house.”

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 3:16-24

**Pastor:** Let us pray: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have come at this time to ask your blessing upon this home, that the ties of love and devotion may be strong and beautiful through the presence and inspiration of Your Holy Spirit. We recognize, O Lord, that you have from the earliest times established and have desired that home and family be the basic unit of life for Your children, and that before the state, the school, or even the church had been instituted, the home was the cradle of religion, education, and of government, and that the influence of the Christian home is still of great significance to Your people.

**People:** Hallow this home with Your constant presence, Lord.

**Pastor:** May all who dwell within these walls, and all who come and go from this place; who share the fellowship, neighborliness, and sociability, and their own thoughts, needs, burdens, hopes and dreams be shielded by your protection, and enabled to go forth strengthened in mind, body, and spirit.

**People:** Loving Father, hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** May the family circle in this home be strong in You and in the power of Your might; may it resound with praises to You, and be bathed in prayer to You, thus reflecting the glory of the Heavenly Home, and the beauty of the whole family of God.

**People:** O Father, grant that it might be so!

**Pastor:** And now, trusting in Your grace to sustain and prosper Your people, and remembering Your good will and favor towards Your children, we dedicate this home to Your glory, and to their blessing, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**People:** HALLELUJAH, AMEN!

**Pastor:** Let Your work appear to Your servants, and Your glory to their children, and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands – establish it, and Your praise shall be known forever.

**All:** AMEN AND AMEN!