

To all who wish to be a part of this keepsake gift:

(parents, stepparents, guardians, godparents, grandparents and all other members and friends of the family)

The completed pages of this keepsake, filled with your personal words of hope and promise, will someday be read by this very special child. May God guide you as you express words of love and blessing.

WORDS OF BLESSING PRESENTED TO:

(NAME OF CHILD)

WITH LOVE BY:

(YOUR NAME)

(DATE)

Dear Child,

When you were born/adopted, I remember being thankful for _____

When I think about your future, I hope and pray that you will become a person who _____

And I pray that these qualities or values will become a natural part of who you are:

Years from now as we look back on what our relationship has become, I want you to be able to say that we _____

Beloved Child,

As you mature in your faith in God, I pray that you will grow to trust and believe that God _____

I pray that you will experience the Church as a place and a people where you _____

In baptism we are expressing our belief that in God's eyes you are _____

I want to promise God, the Church and you that I will help you grow in the Christian faith by the way I _____

Beloved Child, this is my baptism prayer for you:

Dear God _____

Suggestion: If possible, invite others to complete a Baptism Keepsake, then gather one or more to share the words of blessing you have each written. If you live at a distance, use a phone to communicate. A good way to conclude your time together is to read in unison the prayer poem on the back.



Dear Child,

*The day of your baptism
is approaching,
and we believe
God has given
you, dear Child,
to us and to
our world!*

*You are a joy
to be held,
delicate and fragile,
dependent on all
of us,
a bundle of life
and love,
precious in
every way.
God made you to be wonderful!*

*We, also, believe
God has given
us to you, dear Child.
And so,
we dedicate ourselves
and our love to you
and to the One
Who created you!*