

A Baptismal Prayer

[Name of baptized] brings out the best kind of our love, the kind of love that is the most like God's love. Without knowing it, [Name] is here today to help us unlearn what adult life has taught us. He/She is here to remind us what the faith of a child looks like, to invite us to belief in the awesome, nurturing, unconditional love of God.

There was nothing and then there was something, and that something was very good. And God loved that very good something because God created it, and promised to love [Name], walk with [Name], learn from [Name] regardless of his/her recognition or approval.

We loved him/her actively and abundantly even before he/she was born. We began to build a relationship with him/her while [Name of mom] was still bearing [Name of baptized] in her body.

And so it is with God.

We have gathered here today as a public witness that we will never abandon [Name].

And so it is with God.

Here is the group of people committing to love him/her, to weep when he/she weeps and laugh when he/she laughs all the days of our lives. We are committed to walk with him/her, teach him/her and learn from him/her. We commit to this unconditional love and affection with no cognitive recognition or approval from him/her.

And so it is with God.

We look into [Name]'s eyes and see God so clearly, there are no masks, no hurt yet to be barriers. He/She believes the Scripture, "you only need to be still and God will fight for you." [Name] reminds us that we have inherent worth in our sleeping, eating and breathing.

And so it is with God.

God loves us while we are sleeping, loves us when we do not show love back for days, years.

How amazing, to have the faith of a child.
How amazing to have the abundant love of God.



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