

Prayer of dedication

“For we are God’s servants, working together;
you are God’s field, God’s building.
According to the grace of God given to me,
Like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation
And someone else is building on it.
Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.
For no one can lay any foundation
Other than the one that has been laid;
That foundation is Jesus Christ.

Do you know that you are God’s temple
And that God’s Spirit dwells in you?
If anyone destroys God’s temple,
God will destroy that person.
For God’s temple is holy
And you are that temple.”

1Cor 3:9-11, 16-17

“Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 2: 4-5

Leader: We long to be a parish that is fully alive with you, O Christ, at the center.
Inspired with this hope we pray.

Response: **Spirit of Jesus, you make all things new;
Renew our hearts and bind us together.**

We dedicate ourselves to building community.
We pray that all parishioners will be concerned for community.
We pray that our parish will be a place of welcome for all,
Reaching out to all with the embrace of Christ,
A place where everybody feels included,
Young and old, rich and poor. **(R)**

We dedicate ourselves
To making our celebrations relevant and life-giving.
May our Eucharist be a great celebration of your love, O God.
May it connect with people’s lives;
May it speak to our hearts;
May it put words on our hopes;

And may it nourish our spirit from day to day. **(R)**

We dedicate ourselves
To helping each other grow in faith.
We pray that all God's people in our parish
May come to a deeper understanding of what we believe;
That we may find God in one another;
That our homes may be places of prayer and faith. **(R)**

We dedicate ourselves
To partnership in the care of our parish.
May priests and parishioners grow in appreciation
Of each other's special vocation.
May we learn to share the responsibility
For the care of the people of our parish
And for mapping out our way forward into the future. **(R)**

Glory be ...