



A Service for Naming with Thanksgiving to God

St James's Anglican Church, Menangle

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

God our heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of families and the natural ties of love and affection that are part of your creation. We thank you for the gift of parenthood and the joys of bringing children into your world. Enable these parents to bring up their children in the care and security of a loving home. Keep them safe from the evils of this world, that their children might grow strong in their knowledge of you and of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

PSALM 127

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.
It is in vain you rise up early and then stay up so late, toiling for food to eat
for he grants sleep to those he loves.
Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is his
reward.
Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are the children of one's youth.
Happy are they who have their quiver full of them:
they will not be put to shame when confronting their enemies at the gate.

[Another Bible Reading may be read here](#)

THE NAMING AND BLESSING

These parents wish to give thanks to God for their son / daughter. They invite us to pray with them for God's blessing on their child. Let us pray. God our heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of life and for the wonder of creation. We also thank you for the privilege of parenthood and the birth of *name*. May he / she grow up in health and safety; may he / she develop a true sense of justice and righteousness; and may he / she grow in wisdom and compassion. In your grace, may he / she come to know the fullness of your love, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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The minister addresses the parents

What name do you give to this child?

We name him / her _____

Do you seek God's blessing upon *name* as you bring him / her up as a citizen in God's world?

We do.

The minister addresses the godparents

Will you support *name* parents as they bring him / her up as a citizen in God's world?

We shall.

Name, may God bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

May God look upon you with favour
and grant you his peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

FURTHER PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



FINAL PRAYERS

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen.