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Do you today recognize these children as the gifts of God and give heartfelt thanks for God's blessing? (We do!)

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PARENT'S RESPONSE

Lord, you have entrusted us with one of your priceless treasures, a child fashioned in your image

You have allowed us to share with you in the miracle of creation.

We now commit ourselves as parents to teach by word and example the way our child should go in faith, love, and hope.

Our prayer is that you will provide us with the wisdom and patience, to raise our child in a Christian home where Christ is honored and love prevails.

We dedicate our lives and our child to this purpose!

CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE

These families are part of our church family
and we promise to do our part
to help nurture these children in the Christian faith.

We commit to the following:

- We will live as godly examples.
- We will love with unconditional love.
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