

A Prayer of Dedication

In the name of the divine and mysterious Trinity,
you have called us into being through love,
you have joined us to one another in love,
you have placed us in your world to love.

Grant each one of us the strength to carry your
blessing from this place.

May we be at home in any place, for the whole
world is yours.

May we, with our hopes set on eternal peace,
live also as strangers in the land.

May the rhythms of your creation,
be the pulse that sustains our very life.

May the lamp of your word guide our feet,
on the unsure paths of each day.

May your breathing be the wind that leads us
across strange new oceans.

Our lives are but a flicker of a flame
but we are kindled from your divine Spirit.
You have created us, humble missionaries and holy
wanderers;

specks of dust and divine-image bearers;
shadows of your creativity
and crucibles of the spark of innovation.
We are constantly restless until we rest in you.

Grant each one of us in our churches,
our 'communities of blessing',

a deeper fullness of being and spirit.

May our faces reflect glory and joy,
as we transform and complement each other.

May that transformation bring peace, joy and love,
to the world in which you have placed us.

In the name of the Spirit who moves across the
surface of the waters, and in each beat of the
human heart;

in the name of Jesus, the God-Man,
who died, rose and lives on for us;

In the name of the Creator and re-Creator,
the source of all beauty, freedom and grace.

Amen

*(A Prayer from the Church Mission Society, adapted
and used with kind permission)*

The Blessing

May the boldness of the Spirit transform you, may the gentleness of the Spirit lead you,
may the gifts of the Spirit equip you to serve and worship God,
and bring blessing to his world.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you all evermore.

Amen.

