

Prayer of Dedication for the Building

The following prayer was used at our Opening Event on Sunday 22nd May 2016

Our Father, make the door of this building we have developed wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship and your fatherly care; and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and hate.

Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to little children, the weak or the wandering, but rugged enough and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God make the door of this place the gateway to your eternal kingdom for many through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we dedicate this building:

- to the glory of God the Father, who has called us by his grace.
- to the glory of the Son, who loves us and gave himself for us:
- and to the glory of the Holy Spirit, who brings us to the light, gives us strength, and is the source of our love:

May worship and prayer be offered, the gospel be preached, the sacraments of the Lord's supper and baptism be celebrated, so that faith may be strengthened, hope made brighter, and love made deeper.

May the gospel be demonstrated in fellowship and service, may many come to know the Lord and be built up and sustained by faith.

May the young find guidance, may family life be enriched, may the isolated and the sad find comfort and help.

We remember that Jesus prayed that his disciples might be one. May we ever keep in mind that we are one small branch of a world family. May we seek to share with God's people everywhere in proclaiming by word and action the gospel of the kingdom of God. And finally, as the people who will serve God in this place, we dedicate again our lives and our gifts to Him.