

This Act of Commissioning is written to be used in churches to recognize and commission all those who work with children and young people. The church family and the individuals called to work with the young are encouraged to make promises, and fully support ministry with children and young people.

### **Act of Commissioning**

We make these promises to the children and young people we work with and to our churches.

**Leader:** All who follow Jesus are given a share in the work he began. Through his grace we receive gifts and opportunities to point others towards God's love for them and for all his creation.

The work of the church with children and young people is the responsibility of us all as members of God's family. Will you as the People of God support the work with children with interest, prayer, finance and facilities?

Will you set apart those who are called to minister to the young, offering them encouragement and guidance as they fulfill God's calling on their lives?

***With God's help we will.***

**Leader:** Will you both allow and encourage children and young people to participate fully in the life of the church, offering worship which is both accessible and appropriate?

***With God's help we will.***

**Leader:** Those who work with children and young people have a special responsibility and a precious opportunity. It is through our words, our actions and our example that children see the love of God, and learn of his kingdom. Will you, as people who have been called to work with the young in your parishes welcome them, be good friends to them, care for them, listen to them and love them as fellow members of the family of God?

***With God's help we will.***

**Leader:** Will you share with them your hopes, your joys and your faith, and celebrate together your awareness of living in God's world?

***With God's help we will.***

**Leader:** Will you devote adequate prayer, time and energy to your preparation and work with them, so that you will be fulfilled and God will be glorified?

***With God's help we will.***

**Leader:** Will you work alongside others in your church with love, support, understanding and forgiveness, always pursuing all that makes for peace and develops unity?

***With God's help we will.***

**Leader:** Jesus said: 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another.'

***Fill us with your love, so that we may love others fully and completely.***

**Leader:** Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

***Shine on us, light of the world, so that we may always find your path.***

**Leader:** Jesus said: 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and then you will be my witnesses.'

***Renew us with your Spirit, so that we may always do your work.***

**Leader:** May the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and the children and young people in our churches. May we all grow in his love, follow his path, and be filled with his spirit. Amen