

Affordable Housing Dedication Prayer Template

Prayer given by Pastor Thea Leunk of Eastern Avenue Christian Reformed Church at the dedication of Steepleview Apartments, built by the Inner-City Christian Federation, on January 30, 2020. You are welcome to adapt the prayer to your own occasion.

Eternal God, High and Holy, we give thanks for [Name Organization Here] and its desire that all your people have safe, clean, and affordable housing, for its call to seek justice in our community in response to the saving love of Jesus Christ so that others may see His love in action.

O Lord, our Creator, we pray for your blessing on all those who work for [Name Organization Here]—those in housing and family services, in real estate development and management, in advancement, in finance, and in administration. Help them to attend wisely to those they work with and to deal with others in true charity, remembering always to live justly and to show mercy and to walk in your ways.

Thank you for all those whose hands and backs built these [Name Buildings Here], making them shine with the glory of Your grace.

Continue to give us strength of purpose and concern for others, that we may create here a community of justice and peace where your will may be done.

Jesus, our Savior, you came to us when we would not come to you. You came to our world and became one of us. You became flesh and blood and moved into our neighborhood. You have taught us both by your example and your holy word to seek the welfare of the cities in which we live. We commend these buildings, [Name Here], and this neighborhood to your care.

May God the Father be the guardian of this place and bring God's peace. Here may God's will be done. Here may God's love dwell. Here may God's grace abound.

May the Spirit bring lightness and laughter, be the strengthener in fear, and the comforter of tears, inspiring thought and word and deed, uniting heart and mind.

Bless each home where your people will live. Fill those homes with faith, virtue, knowledge, patience, and godliness. Knit each family together in enduring affection and respect for one another so that this city glows with the light of your love.

God of our past, of our future, and of our present, grant that we may so follow you in every step of our daily lives that though our paths may lead us from one another, we may all abide within the safe shelter of your love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
And all God's people say: Amen.