

Non-Profit Office Building Dedication Prayer Template

*This prayer was delivered by Pastor Thea Leunk in 2012 at the opening of the new headquarters of the Inner-City Christian Federation in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
You are welcome to adapt this prayer to your own occasion.*

Eternal God, High and Holy, we give thanks for this [Name of Building].
Thank you for those who raised the money and gave the money
to make this [Name of Building] possible.
Thank you for all those whose hands and backs built it
and made it shine with the glory of your grace.
Yet we know that no building can contain your glory
or display the complete wonders of your love.

May this space be used as a gathering place for all people—
a place where they will experience your good will.
When they come to ask their questions, may they hear answers with gladness;
When they come to study, let them learn of your truth.
May every meeting held here meet with your approval,
so that this building may stand as a sign of your Spirit at work in the world,
and as a witness to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

O Lord, our Creator,
We pray for all those who will work in this building.
Keep them awake to your will for them
And give them the energy to enjoy the tasks they undertake.
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.

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 prophets
to seek the welfare of the cities in which we live.
We commend this and all the neighborhoods of this city to your care,
that they might be kept free from social strife and decay.
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;
Bless each home where your people 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.

And yes, Jesus, we too pray the words of Martin Luther King Jr when we say

“We want to be on your right side or your left side,
Not for any selfish reason.
We want to be on your right or your left side,
Not in terms of some political kingdom or ambition,
But we just want to be there
In love and in justice and in truth
And in commitment to others
So that we can make of this old world a new world.”

And all God’s people say: Amen.