

May she learn to love all that is true,
grow in wisdom and strength
and, in due time, come through faith and baptism
to the fullness of your grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The minister prays for the parents

May God the Father of all bless Mark & Vita
and give them grace to love and care for their children.
May God give them wisdom, patience and faith,
help them to provide for the children's needs
and, by their example,
reveal the love and truth that are in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The minister will address the guideparents and say

Will you do all that you can to help and support Mark and Vita in the
bringing up of Luella?

With the help of God, we will.

The minister will address the wider congregation and say

Will you do all that you can to help and support this family?

With the help of God, we will.

Prayers

Mark & Vita will pray

God our creator,
we thank you for the gift of our daughter Luella,
entrusted to our care.

May we be patient and understanding,
ready to guide and to forgive,
so that through our love
she may come to know your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The minister prays

Loving God, we pray to you
for all who have the care of Luella,
Guide them with your Holy Spirit,
that they may bring her up
in the ways of truth and love.
Through their care enable her to grow in grace
and become daily more like
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

O God, we thank you for the rich variety
of the families you have created for us,
and for the relationships
which we see and enjoy within them.
Help us to respect and learn from each other in love,
that we may all come to maturity
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
and so we have the courage to say together:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.