

Home Dedication

Scripture Reading—In I Kings 8:22-28, King Solomon seeks God's blessing on God's new "home" as the temple in Jerusalem is dedicated.

On this day our family joined together to dedicate our home to the Lord...seeking His presence, guidance and blessing.

In an attitude of prayer and gratefulness, take turns sharing these Scriptures and a short prayer of dedication after each: Solomon knelt before the Lord and you also might find this meaningful.

- **Dedication as a Place of Prayer**—Read together I Kings 8:28-30. Might God often find us in prayer... individually and as a family...at mealtime and bedtime...in thanksgiving and intercession.
- **Dedication as a Place of Forgiveness**—Read together I Kings 8:33-40. Might each of us quickly seek God's forgiveness as we find ourselves "defeated" because of occasional sin...and might we also quickly forgive one another, letting not the sun go down on our anger.
- **Dedication as a Place of Ministry**—Read together I Kings 8:41-43. Father, might you often, through our invitation, bring people into this home who will sense that it is a special place...dedicated to You... a place of hospitality, peace and love.
- **Dedication as a Place of Refuge**—Read together I Kings 8:44-45. Father, as each of us is sent out daily by "whatever way you send u" ... to work or to play... to school or to church... we will often return from these "battles" needing encouragement, support and love; might we each find this refuge in one another... in this place.
- Dedication as a Place of Worship—Read together I Kings 8:53-61. Lord, Because we are your people and we have been blessed by your abundant provision...we choose to incline our hearts toward you that we might walk in your ways...that through our lives, our family and our home, people might come to know that the Lord is God!

Date

"And it came about when the priests came from the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord."

I Kings 8:10-11.