

## The Litany of Dedication

*LEADER:* O God, our most loving Father, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, we come before you this afternoon mindful of your goodness to us. We have been truly blessed by you and enabled to grow in our facilities to meet the challenge you have set before us. Because you have led us to the place where we are this hour,

*PEOPLE:* We give you thanks, O God.

*LEADER:* In grateful remembrance of all who have loved and served this church, and who have left us a noble heritage,

*PEOPLE:* We give you thanks, O God.

*LEADER:* For all of those who have shared of their God-given wealth, their strength, their wisdom, their enthusiasm, their encouragement, their praise, and their loyalty as well as for all those who have labored diligently with their hands,

*PEOPLE:* We give you thanks, O God.

*LEADER:* To the glory of God our Father by whose hand these blessings have come, to the honor of Jesus Christ, his Son and our Lord and Saviour, and to the praise of the Holy Spirit, source of genuine life and guidance,

*PEOPLE:* We dedicate this church.

*LEADER:* For the teaching of the great truths of the word of God,

*PEOPLE:* We dedicate this church.

*LEADER:* For the sanctification of the family, for the guidance of childhood, for the summoning of youth to a life of service, for the inspiration and comfort of persons of all ages,

*PEOPLE:* We dedicate this church.

*LEADER:* For Christian fellowship and friendship, for the growth of love and goodwill in all of God's creation, and for the sharing of our lives in the total work of the church in the world,

*PEOPLE:* We dedicate this church.

*LEADER:* For the building of Christian ideals and values, the strengthening of faith and character, and the cultivation of a sense of the presence of God,

*PEOPLE:* We dedicate this church.

*LEADER:* To the honor and praise of those who labor here and in loving memory of those who served in days gone by, with sincere gratitude to those whose faith and gifts have brought us to this joyful hour and with thanksgiving for all who will serve here for years to come,

*PEOPLE:* We dedicate this church, O God.