

Dedication of a Tree

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We gather today to dedicate this _____ tree,
planted in honor of _____. Let us in turn give water
to this newly planted tree, as a sign of God's blessing of life, remembering these
words of scripture:

*"Happy those [for whom]...the law of the LORD is their joy; ... day and night.
They are like a tree planted near streams of water, that yields its fruit in season;
Its leaves never wither; whatever they do prospers" (Psalm 1).*

*"Blessed is the [person] who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD.
[That one] is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to
the stream: It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; In the
year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit" (Jeremiah 17:7-8).*

"A wish fulfilled is a tree of life" (Proverbs 13:12).

Our intention is to see this promise of a beautiful tree lovingly planted as a sign
of blessing and fulfillment, now and in the days to come. Let us pray:

May the roots of this tree grow deep into the earth and hold it fast, like un-
shakable faith. Let the branches of this tree reach high, like lofty thoughts,
sharing seeds with the earth, refuge to the birds of the air and shade to those
who rest and pray beneath its branches. May all who come near it be blessed
and flourish as by the living water of the grace of God. (Silence.) Amen.

And so it is. Now, let us go forth, blessing one another, this tree, and this place.
Let us remember this time together whenever we behold this tree with
gratitude in days to come. Go in peace and grow in peace.