PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

God of grace and God of glory, you who pours power on your people, we gather not so much to do a deed, but to celebrate a deed already done. If you had not already laid hands upon (*first name*), no hands of ours can make him holy. If long ago this congregation was not gathered at your call and summons we by ourselves could consecrate nothing. And so we give thanks for your workings in our past and our present and with faith look to you to guide our future together.

This day, we dedicate to Your service among Your people (*full name*).

Bless him with insight, compassion, wisdom and love as he ministers to the lost, the lonely, the young, the seeking, the dying, the bereaved, the hungry, the joyful.

Deepen and enrich (name)'s spiritual life until all words and deeds convey a loving spirit, a grace of understanding, and a quiet, firm, resolute witness to you as the Way, the Truth and the Light.

By your holy spirit unite this pastor and people in a strong and holy partnership, encouraging, honoring, and loving of each other, that together they might be a witness to your glory, hope and mercy.

(First name), you are now installed to do the work of ministry at the
Church of (city, state). May the Lord bless you and keep you
consecrated to Himself always. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Amen.