

# FORM FOR LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE

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### Church or Chapel.

All things being ready the Priest, or Bishop (if present) shall say,  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. AMEN.  
Except the Lord build the house their labour is in vain that build it.

*Priest.* Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*Answer.* Who hath made heaven and earth.

*Priest.* O Lord hear our Prayer.

*Answer.* And let our cry come unto Thee.

*Priest.* Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*Answer.* From this time forth for evermore.

*All.* The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy-work.  
Our Father, &c.

Priest or Bishop.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God who didst lay in Zion a precious Corner-Stone, not made with hands, bless this stone which we are about to lay for the foundation of this house, and grant that they who shall faithfully offer to Thee of their substance for the furtherance of this pious work, may be preserved in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then all things being ready for placing the stone, the Priest or Bishop shall say,

In the faith of Jesus Christ, we lay this foundation stone.

*All.* In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. AMEN.

Priest or Bishop.

**H**ERE let true faith, the fear of God, and brotherly love, ever remain: this place is dedicated to prayer, and to the praise of our most holy Saviour Jesus Christ, who ever liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Prevent us, O Lord, &c.

Let us Pray.

**O** GOD, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, sanctify and build up these walls to thy honor and glory. Let the light of thy holy presence ever shine upon them. And may thy Church, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone, fitly framed together, and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, grow unto an Holy Temple in the Lord. AMEN.

**O** LORD, who wisely orderest all things, both in heaven and earth; to thy merciful protection we commend the workmen employed in this building. Let thy fatherly hand ever be over them; keep them from all evil accident, hurt, or hinderance, and from all unfaithful, profane, or unholy words or deeds; that the work now begun, may by thy blessing on their labour, be brought to a happy end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

ADDRESS.

HYMN.

**Benediction.**