



The Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission
St George's House, Windsor
Monday, 9th February, 2004

A Short Form of Commissioning

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*The Archbishop will address the Commission members.
In conclusion, he will say:*

I therefore charge you with the mandate set out by me on 29th October 2003 at the behest of the Primates of the Anglican Communion, and I request you to be diligent in discharging this weighty task.

Will you endeavour to work together for the good of Christ's Church and for our Communion, and seek to discern God's will in this current situation?

*The Commission members respond: **We will***

Will you seek the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that in all your deliberations you may be directed by God's Wisdom and a proper care for the proclamation of his Holy Gospel?

*The Commission members respond: **We will***

Will you seek to present to us in the Anglican Communion a model of co-operation in love and charity by your own working so that we may take heart in our own discipleship?

*The Commission members respond: **We will***

Then I commend you to God's care, and ask you to undertake this work.

May the God who brought light out of darkness and proclaimed the truth of his love in the gift of his Son bless you and direct you in all your work, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain upon you this day and in all your time together.

Amen.

The Chair of the Commission leads the group in prayer.

Almighty Father, you have called to you a people to be your own, and have sanctified us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ your Son. We pray for our family of the Anglican Communion. Inspire us with love and charity, guide us with wisdom and understanding, uphold us in truth and with the guidance of your Holy Spirit, and grant that we may be a people united in your service, bound together in your love, and bearing witness to the Kingdom revealed in Christ your Son our Lord, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

The congregation will pray in silence.

Archbishop :

Response :

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Response:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us go forth in peace

In the name of Christ. Amen.