

## *A Prayer Card for Elders*

Before making a call.

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd, you have called me and set me apart to be an elder of your Church, a guide and friend in the Gospel to this home. May I go to its door in the strength of that calling. Let your good Spirit of love and power go ahead of me and may I take confidence that I am about your business. AMEN

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Lord, you have your own message for those whom I shall meet here. Use me so that my words, my listening, my manner, may be channels of your love, guidance and encouragement to your people. AMEN

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Lord, be my light and my strength.

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Lord, arm me with the sword of your Spirit.

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Lord Jesus, speak to me that I may speak for you.

Prayer in the home.

*May be introduced gently by invitation such as, "Thank you for inviting me in. Before I go let me ask God's blessing."*

Lord God, we give thanks for this time together. We remember before you the things about which we've been talking. *(Some of these may simply be named very briefly – "the people affected by the disaster"... "the holiday being planned"... "the work of this farm")* We ask your blessing for the people we've been thinking of (*"Auntie Jean in Canada"... "Bill and Mary in their new home"*). Bless the life and work of our congregation. Be near to this home and to (*"this family" ... "the Smiths" ... "John"*) to guard and guide. We ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN

OR

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that we belong together within the fellowship of your church. We ask your blessing now upon your servant(s) and upon this home. Let your peace be upon them (him/her) and keep (him/her) them in your love. AMEN

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