**Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child**

Heavenly Father, you sent your own Son into this world. We thank you for the life of this child, N, entrusted to our care. Help us to remember that we are all your children, and so to love and nurture *him,* that *he* may attain to that full stature intended for *him* in your eternal kingdom; for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*(The Book of Common Prayer,* p. 841)