

# Commissioning Prayer for the Anglican Church of Canada's Young Adult Pilgrimage to the Holy Land May 2023

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Blessed are You, Lord, our God,  
for You have created a wide and wonderful world  
in which (insert name of Pilgrim here) may travel.  
Be (his/hers/their) ever-near companion, O Holy Guide of Travelers,  
on this journey,  
and spread the road before (him/her/them)  
with beauty and adventure.  
May all the highways ahead of (him/her/them)  
be free of harm and evil.  
May (he/she/they) be accompanied by Your holy spirits,  
Your angelic messengers  
as were the holy ones of days past.  
On this trip may (Name) take with (him/her/them),  
as part of (his/her/their) traveling equipment,  
a heart wrapped in wonder with which to rejoice  
in all that (he/she/they) shall meet.  
Along with the clothing of wonder,  
may (he/she/they) have room in (his/her/their) luggage  
for a mystic map  
by which (he/she/they) can find the invisible meanings  
of the events of this journey—  
of possible disappointments and delays,  
of possible breakdowns and rainy day troubles.  
Always awake to Your sacred presence,  
to Your divine compassionate love,  
may (he/she/they) see in all that happens to (him/her/them),  
in the beautiful and the bad,  
the mystery of Your holy plan.  
May the blessing of God, the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,  
be upon (Name) as (he/she/they) venture out on this Young Adult Pilgrimage to the  
Holy Land,  
May they find community in their group of travellers,  
may they learn from our Anglican Partners in the Region.  
and when the journey is over, bring (him/her/them) home again in safety and peace.  
Amen+