

# **Baptism Leaves**

Each church may have its own special way of enabling the whole church family to welcome and pray for the child being baptised and its family.

You may also like this idea.

***Please ask permission from your clergy before you do this and decide with them whether to use it as a whole church or a branch project.***

## **Resources needed at church**

Paper leaf shapes [already cut out] – white or coloured [your choice].

## **Resources needed at home**

Tree outline drawn on an A4 page of thin card.

Pens, pencils, glue.

A4 envelope [to put the finished tree into when dry].

## **How it works**

*The person who has agreed to take charge of the task—this can be a different person for each baptism*

Two weeks before the baptism day give each member of the church congregation, whether adult or child, a paper leaf shape and the name of the child / children.

Ask them to write a short prayer or message for the child who is being baptised.

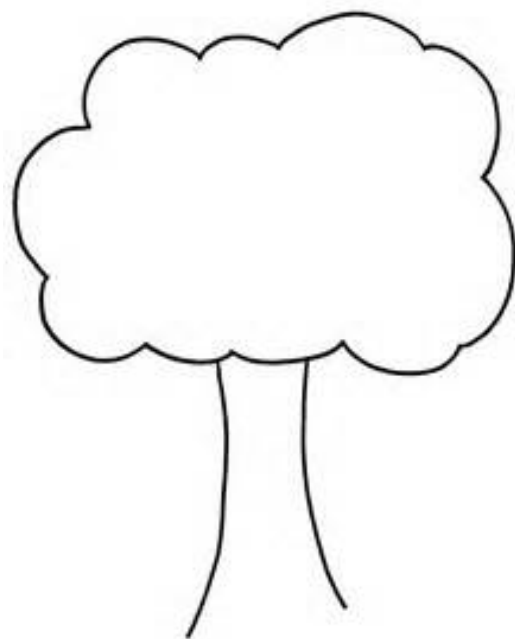
Collect the paper leaves, either that day or the following week.

*The person who has agreed to take charge of the task then*

Glues the prayer leaves to the prayer tree outline on the thin card. When it is completely dry place in the envelope and add the child's name. The 'tree' will be given to the parents of the child at the baptism service, to take home, as a keepsake and a tangible sign of the church's commitment to pray for their child.



*Use these templates to cut out the leaf shapes.*



*Use this as an idea for the shape of the tree.*