Habitat House Dedication  
Dedicatory Prayer  
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Almighty God and loving father of us all,  
We are so blessed to see this day, a day of promise and fulfillment, a day of hope  
and expectation for all who have worked and given and planned that the Saravia  
family might have a home of their own. We pray a blessing upon all who have  
worked on this house. For those who labored with their hands, and those who  
prepared food and brought water, and for those who prayed and supported this  
good work. We are grateful for hearts of compassion and for those who dreamed  
the vision of this place and who had the foresight to envision homes for the homeless  
and opportunities for others to make their dreams come true.

Today, we thank you for a dream come true--for the promise of a home for the  
Saravia family. We dedicate this house, O God, in your name. May this home that  
will soon be completed be a place that welcomes you and others in your name. Bless  
this house, O Lord, we pray. Make it a safe and happy place where the laughter of  
children can be heard and where words of loving kindness will be spoken between  
parents and children. May love and dreams abound in this place, and may joy and  
blessing fill their hearts as the Saravias build a life for their family in this house.  
Make it a home, O God, for this family to grow strong and to know the blessing of  
loving you and each other in a safe and secure place.

May we always be grateful, O Lord, for our families and for the love that binds us  
together. And we take our place among all the families of the Earth who work to  
help others in this world—who work to eliminate poverty, homelessness, prejudice,  
and oppression and may we together from our various cultures and with our  
differing talents find with one another the fulfillment of our humanity through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray a blessing upon the Saravia family as they wait with hope for moving day!  
May it be a day of joy and thanksgiving. In the name of Jesus, Amen.