

**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.