

Prayer for the Bishop-Elect

Eternal God, our Shepherd and Guide,
we bless and thank you for your servant, Father Jeremiah Williamson,
Bishop-Elect of your Episcopal Diocese of Albany.

By the working of your Holy Spirit
grant him grace and every spiritual gift
as he prepares to take up his role as our chief pastor and teacher.

Make him a shepherd after your own heart,
who will walk in your ways
and watch over your people with loving care.

Strengthen and guide him to lead in vision,
fill him with courage to teach your truth.

Prepare our hearts to welcome Father Jeremiah, Jennifer, Oscar, and Isaiah,
joyfully into our Diocesan community.

Continue to purify our intentions and lead us into holiness,
that with them we, the Body of Christ in this time and place,
may in unity, humility, and mutual charity
bear witness without shame or fear to your Son,
and devote ourselves to your will for the sake of the world.

This we ask in Jeuss' name and for the sake of his love. Amen.