

Prayer for the Bishop-Elect

Eternal God, our Shepherd and Guide,
we bless and thank you for your servant, Jeremiah,
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 we may bear witness to your Son without shame or fear,
in unity, humility, and mutual charity,
devoted to your will for the good of the world.

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