



## GUARDIANS

It is wise to select a guardian and an alternate guardian in case your first choice is unable to serve sometime in the future. Also, it is wise to separate the roles of guardian of your children and trustee of your finances. This will help keep the guardian accountable to spend your estate's finances solely for the benefit of your children.

Deciding the guardian of your children is often a very difficult and emotional decision. List the possible candidates, then prayerfully discuss with your spouse the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate.

Here are a few things to consider when choosing a guardian:

- Whose parenting style, values, and commitment to Jesus Christ most closely match your own?
- Who is most able to take on the responsibility of caring for children – emotionally, financially, and physically?
- Who do your children feel comfortable with already?
- Would your children have to move away, and would that pose any problems?
- Does the person you're considering have other children? If so, would your children fit in well with them?
- Would the person have the time and energy to devote to your children?

Once you have made your selection, invite your choice to serve as guardian.

**Guardian of Our Children:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate Guardian of Our Children:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

