

In this Place will I give peace

*The blessing of a home*

## **Before the priest arrives:**

*You may like to think about which rooms you would like the priest to bless. It is not necessary to visit every room in the house or indeed all the rooms listed in this service.*

*Prepare a table in the main living area with a cross or Bible or an image of Jesus.*

*The priest will bring a water sprinkler for the blessing – afterwards you may want to keep this holy water in your home to use each day as you leave your home. If you want to keep some holy water then you will need an empty bottle. Many people find it helpful as a reminder of their baptism.*

*This service is suitable to be celebrated as a private prayer or you may like to invite friends, neighbours and family. Some people like to make a party and celebration of the event. Whatever you do, may God bless you on this special day.*

## The Blessing of a Home

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The whole family and, where possible, their relatives and friends assemble in the most important room in the house. The priest proclaims the following:*

Blessed are you, Lord God, king of all creation:  
through your goodness you have given this house  
to be a home for; N. and N. (and their family).

Let your peace remain with them always.

Let all who come here to share their life,

find generosity, tranquillity and happiness;

may they depart enriched by the joy of Christian living.

**Blessed be God forever.**

*The priest blesses water, saying:*

Lord, may this water, ✠ blessed in your name,  
be a sign of your protection for those who live here,  
for their home and for all things in it.

Protect them from all harm, give them your peace  
and remain with them now and always.

We ask this blessing through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The priest sprinkles all the people present with the blessed water to remind them of their baptism.*

*The priest then sprinkles all the rooms of the house as a sign of dedication and blessing.*

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love (to each other and) to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us, and preserve us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Blessing the rooms individually:*

### **At the Entrance**

Sovereign Lord, you are Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Send your servants out from this place on many errands, be their constant companion on the way, and welcome them upon their return, so that coming and going they may be sustained by your presence. Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **In the Living Room or Family Room**

Bless this living room that here we may find our bonds of friendship joyfully renewed and deepened after days of study and work, play and growth. May your peace always stay in this room, making it a place where we can each grow into better friends with you and with one another. Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **In the Kitchen**

O Lord our God, you supply every need of ours according to your great riches. Bless the hands that work in this place, and give us grateful hearts for daily bread. Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## In the Dining Room or Area

Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the universe, for you give us food and drink to sustain our lives. Make us grateful for all your mercies, and mindful of the needs of others. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## In a Bedroom

O God of life and love, the true rest of your people: Sanctify our hours of rest and refreshment, our sleeping and waking, and grant that strengthened by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we may rise to serve you all the days of our life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## In a Child's Room

Heavenly Father, your Son our Saviour took children in his arms and blessed them. Embrace the child whose room this is with your unfailing love. Protect him(her) from all danger, and bring him(her) in safety to each new day, until he(she) greets with joy the great day of your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## In a Guest Room

Loving God, you have taught us to welcome one another as Christ welcomed us. Bless those who from time to time share the hospitality of this home. May your protective care shield them, the love of Jesus preserve them from all evil, and the guidance of your Holy Spirit keep them in the way that leads to eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## In a Bathroom

Father, you gave us bodies that we might be the living body of Christ on earth. Grant a blessing which fills this room, so that out of love for you we may always care for our bodies as the living temples of your Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The priest invites all to join in the Lord's prayer:*

Now let us pray together in the words our Saviour gave us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Those who live in the home then pray together*

**Lord our God,  
may your divine name be always holy within our home.  
May you lovingly care for all who shall live here.  
May your kingdom come in this home  
as we love and respect one another.  
May we always do your holy will  
by living in harmony and unity.  
May we never suffer from lack of bread,  
from a lack of all that we need  
to nourish our family.  
May your spirit of pardon and forgiveness reside with us  
and be always ready to heal our divisions.  
May your spirit of joy and laughter, hope and faith,  
playfulness and prayer, compassion and love  
be a perpetual guest in our home.  
Amen.**

*The priest gives the concluding blessing.*

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May the Father love you, and come to you and live with you.

**Amen.**

May the Son of God stay with you, and give you his peace.

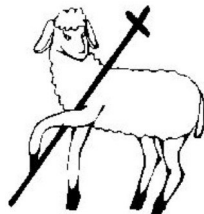
**Amen.**

May the Spirit of God teach you all things  
and stay with you forever.

**Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you for ever.

**Amen.**



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