

# Blessing for a Home

*Blessing for a Home is a celebration of vocation in the deepest and broadest sense. We thank God for the gift of a home while honoring the ways people practice their faith in their life at home: chores and hobbies, cooking and eating, ways of relaxing, relationships within the household and beyond it, caring for our bodies, connecting with the creation.*

## Gathering

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

**Amen.**

Peace to this *house/dwelling/room* and to all who enter here.

Today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we gather in this dwelling and pray.

*A reading from Proverbs:* By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. (*Proverbs 24:3-4*)

*A candle may be lit, and these words may be spoken.*

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

## Blessing

*The people may move around the home, stopping in various places to read scripture and to pray.*

### Welcome and Community

*A place of entering and leaving, such as the outside doors*

*A reading from the Psalms* The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore. (*Psalms 121:8*)

Let us pray.

O God, watch over us in all *our* going out and *our* coming in; keep all evil away from *our* door; and let *us* share the hospitality of this home with all who visit, that those who enter here may know your love and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

*A place of welcoming guests, such as a chair for a visitor*

*A reading from Romans:* Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (*Romans 15:7*)

Let us pray.

O God, bless all who visit this home; may they find here warmth and peace. Bless us as we *welcome* others into *our* home, as you blessed Sarah and Abraham when they entertained angels unawares. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

*A place where common activities are shared, such as a living room*

*A reading from Ecclesiastes:* So I commend enjoyment, for there is nothing better for people under the sun than to eat, and drink, and enjoy themselves, for this will go with them in their toil through the days of life that God gives them under the sun. (*Ecclesiastes 8:15*)

Let us pray.

O God, you set apart time for rest and enjoyment of the world you made. Bless those who gather here for fellowship and recreation, that they may be renewed and refreshed. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**Household Work**

*A place for studying and communicating with others*

*A reading from Proverbs:* To get wisdom is to love oneself; to keep understanding is to prosper. (*Proverbs 19:8*)

Let us pray.

O God, you are the teacher who leads us to all truth. Grant that those who learn in this place may use knowledge to heal and help your world. Draw us together through our technology for every good purpose. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

*A place for making or fixing things, such as a sewing area or workshop*

*A reading from the Psalms:* May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork. (*Psalms 90:17*)

Let us pray.

O God, you are the source of our creativity. You fashioned our minds to imagine and our hands to shape new things. Prosper the work that is done in this place. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

*A place for preparing meals, such as the kitchen*

*A reading from John:* When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." (*John 21: 9, 12*)

Let us pray.

O God, you fill the hungry with good things. Send your blessing on *those who prepare* food here, and make us all ever thankful for daily bread. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**Caring for Ourselves**

*A place for sharing the gift of food, such as a dining table*

*A reading from the Psalms:* The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (*Psalms 145:15-16*)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Creator of heaven and earth, for you give us food and drink to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad. Make us grateful for all your mercies, and mindful of the needs of others. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

*A place for recognizing the gift of clothing, such as a laundry area*

*A reading from Exodus:* So Moses went down from the mountain to the people. He consecrated the people, and they washed their clothes. (*Exodus 19:14*)

Let us pray.

O God, you are our clothing, wrapping us in love. We bless you for the gift of clothing, and we pray that *all who live here* may be clothed and blanketed in safety. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

*A place of caring for the body, such as a bathroom*

*A reading from the Psalms:* You yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well. (*Psalm 139:13-14*)

Let us pray.

O God, through the waters of baptism you raise us up and make us alive together with Christ. Let the waters of this room refresh and renew *all who use them* in each new day. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

*A place of rest for the body, such as a person's bedroom*

*A reading from the Psalms:* In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure. (*Psalm 4:8*)

Let us pray.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. **Amen.**

*Optional addition: a couple's bedroom*

*A reading from Colossians:* Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. (*Colossians 3:14-15*)

Let us pray.

O God, let your love be a seal upon our hearts, a mantle about our shoulders, and a crown upon our foreheads. Bless them in our companionship and in our rest, in our sleeping and in our waking. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

*Optional addition—a child's bedroom*

*A reading from the Psalms* I will dwell in your house forever, O God; I will take refuge under the cover of your wings. (*Psalm 61:4*)

Let us pray.

O God, hold name in your unfailing love. May *she/he* dream peacefully and grow in health and strength. Bring *her/him* in safety to each new day. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

### *Optional addition—a teenager's bedroom*

*A reading from Jeremiah:* "I will satisfy the weary, and all who are faint I will replenish," says the LORD. Thereupon I awoke and looked, and my sleep was pleasant to me. (*Jeremiah 31:25-26*)

Let us pray.

O God, may name find here rest and respite, privacy and connection, challenge and enjoyment. And in all these things, may *she/he* hear you calling *her/him* by name. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

### **Caring for Creation**

#### *A place where a pet sleeps or animals are kept*

*A reading from the Psalms:* Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds, young men and maidens, old and young together. (*Psalms 148:7, 10, 12*)

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for bringing pet's name to be *our* companion and friend. May we be blessings one to another. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

#### *A garden or an outdoor space*

*A reading from Jeremiah:* They shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. (*Jeremiah 31:12*)

Let us pray.

O God, we praise you for the green plants that make the oxygen we breathe and for the animals that breathe it with us. Sustain us all together in this place by your Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## Conclusion

Jesus said, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise householder who built a house on rock."

## Lord's Prayer