



HOME *Blessing*

Here is a simple house blessing you and your family can do together any time of year, whether you've just moved into a new home or you've lived in the same house for more than 10 years.



Begin with making the sign of the cross together.

Opening Prayer:

“When Christ took flesh He made his home with us. Let us now pray that He will enter this home and bless it with His presence. May He always be here among us; may He nurture our love for each other, share in our joys, and comfort us in our sorrows. We pray this in the name of Jesus our Lord.”

Reading:

“You are God’s chosen ones. He loves you. You should be clothed in sincere compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts. Be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

(Col 3: 12-17)



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Sprinkle each room with Holy water:

- **At the home's entrance:** O God, protect our going and coming. Let us share the hospitality of this home with all who visit us.
- **In living room:** O God, give your blessings to all who share this room that we may be knit together in companionship.
- **In kitchen:** O God, you fill the hungry with good things. Send your blessing on us as we work in this kitchen, and make us ever thankful for our daily bread.
- **In dining room:** Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you give us food and drink to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad. Help us to be grateful for all your mercies and mindful of the needs of others.
- **In bedrooms:** Protect us Lord as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake we may keep watch with Christ and asleep, we may rest in his peace.

Together, pray the Our Father.

Final prayer: Be our shelter, Lord, when we are home, our companion when we are away, and our welcome guest when we return. And at last, receive us into the dwelling place you have prepared for us in your Father's house, where you live forever and ever. Amen.

✝ Conclude with sign of the cross.

