Blessings for a Home

(All gather by the front door.)

Leader: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: When Christ lived with Mary and Joseph, He sanctified the life of a home. 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. Inspired by His teachings and example, may we seek to make our home before all else a dwelling place of Love, diffusing far

and wide the goodness of Christ.

Leader: Let us pray – Lord, be close to us who live in this home and who ask You for Your

blessing. Be our shelter when we are home, our companion when we are away, and

our welcome guest when we return. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus said, "When you enter a house, speak to the people there and say, 'God's blessing of peace be upon this house!' If the people living there are peace-loving,

your prayer for peace will bless them." The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessing at the Front Door (Sprinkle Holy Water on the door, then trace a cross on it.)

Leader: O God, protect our going out and our coming in. Let us share the hospitality of this

home with all who visit us, that those who enter here may know Your love and

peace. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

(All go from room-to-room, offering the appropriate prayer of blessing, and then sprinkling with the Holy Water. Pray these blessings in whatever order works best for your home. Repeat these blessings for as many rooms need them. If possible have different people do the blessing.)

Blessing in the Living Room/Den/Family Room

O God, give Your blessing to all who share this room, that they may be knit together in companionship. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing in the 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. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing in the 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 gifts, and mindful of the needs of others. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Blessing in a Bedroom

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. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing in a Bathroom/Laundry Room

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. You formed us in wisdom and love. Refresh us in body and spirit, and help keep us clean, that we may live in good health. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing in an Office

O God, grant that all who plan and conduct business in this office may, through Your guidance and support, come to wise decisions and carry them out successfully. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing in Other Spaces (This is for places like craft rooms or outdoor decks.) O God, bless all who enter this area with happiness, goodness of heart, gentleness, and faithfulness in living Your commands. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing in a Garage/Shop

O God, in Your providence You are glad to bless all the progress that we make on our journey through life. Guide our hands and keep us safe as we bring forth a fuller realization of Your kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (Return to the Living Room or Kitchen and pray this prayer.)

Leader: Let us now join together and pray the prayer that Jesus taught 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. Amen.

Final Blessing

Leader:

Let us pray – Gracious and merciful God, bless this home so that it may be a dwelling place that welcomes Your presence. Bless these walls so that they will protect the dignity and integrity of all who dwell here. Bless these windows that Your constant love may flow through them into the hearts of all who live here and all those who visit. May Your angels guard this home from all evil and dangers of the world. Make our home a precious place, filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit, blessing those within ... praying, learning, healing, caring, and loving. May the warmth of Your Grace, and Your perfect Peace, be ever present in this home. We ask all this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: May the Lord bless this home, and all who join in this blessing, in the Name of the

Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.