

## Blessing for Your Home

Whether you've just moved into a new home or you've lived in the same house for 20+ years, here is a simple house blessing you and your family can do together. You are welcome to take Holy Water from the baptismal font - any container is fine!

Begin with making the sign of the cross together.

### Opening Prayer:

**Leader:** "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:

**Reader:** "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)

Sprinkle each room with holy water (available from baptismal font):

### At the home's entrance:

**Leader:** O God, protect our going and coming. Let us share the hospitality of this home with all who visit us.

**All: Amen.**

### In the living room:

**Leader:** O God, give your blessings to all who share this room that we may be knit together in companionship. **All: Amen.**

### In the kitchen:

**Leader:** 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. **All: Amen.**

### In the dining room:

**Leader:** 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.

**All: Amen.**



**In the bedrooms:**

**Leader:** 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. **All: Amen.**

**In the bathroom:**

**Leader:** Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. Refresh our bodies and souls and keep us in good health so that we can serve you. **All: Amen.**

Together, pray the Our Father.

**All: 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 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." **All: Amen.**

Conclude with sign of the cross.

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