

The Blessing of A Home

The Celebrant, members of the family and friends assemble in the living room of the home. Those responsible for the building of this house will join hands with ...(N and N)..

A blessing of the hands that built this house.

Celebrant; We give you thanks, dear Lord, for mind that envisioned, the hands that built this house and the inspiration and talent and creativity that has made it a reality.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, grant to this home the grace of your presence, that you may be known to N ... and to all who dwell in this house to be the defender of this household; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

New Testament Lesson

Reader: A Reading from the Third Letter of John.

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul. I was overjoyed when

some of the friends arrived and testified to your faithfulness to the truth, namely how you walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth. Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the friends, even though they are strangers to you; they have testified to your love before the church. Beloved, do not imitate what is evil but imitate what is good. Whoever does good is from God: whoever does evil has not seen god. Peace to you. The friends send you their greetings. Greet the friends there, each by name.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Blessing of the Home

Celebrant: Let the mighty power of the Holy God be present in this place to banish from it every unclean spirit, to cleanse it from every residue of evil, and to make it a secure habitation for (N and N) and all who dwell in it; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

At the Entrance

Antiphon

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come into the house, and eat with you, and you with me.

V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

R. From this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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 in the way, and welcome them upon their return, so
that coming and going they may be sustained by your presence, O
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Living Room

V. Above everything, love one another earnestly:

R. *For love covers many sins.*

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Give your blessing, Lord, to all who share this room, that they may
be knit together in fellowship here on earth, and joined with the
communion of your saints in heaven; through Jesus Christ

THE DINING ROOM

Antiphon

The living God gave you from heaven rain and fruitful seasons,
satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.

V. He brings forth food from the earth
and wine to gladden our hearts;

R. Oil to make a cheerful countenance,
And bread to strengthen the heart.

Let us pray. (Silence)

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

The Kitchen

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the Name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

V. The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord:

R. And you give them their food in due season.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O Lord our God, you supply every need of ours according to your great riches: Bless . (N . . .) and all who will prepare food in this place, and give us all grateful hearts for daily bread; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Guest Room

Antiphon

Do not neglect to show hospitality, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

V. *Open your homes to each other without complaining:*

R. Use the gifts you have received from God for the good of others.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

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 fatherly care shield them, the love of your dear Son preserve them from all evil, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit keep them in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bathrooms

Antiphon

I will sprinkle you with clean water, and you will be cleansed.

V. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering:
R. Having our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O holy God, in the incarnation of your Son our Lord you made our flesh the instrument of your self-revelation: Give us a proper respect and reverence for our mortal bodies, keeping them clean and fair, whole and sound; that, glorifying you in them, we may confidently await our being clothed upon with spiritual bodies, when that which is mortal is transformed by life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Study

Antiphon

Pour out your Holy spirit O Lord on those you call into your service.

V. Help your servants, O Lord

R. And keep them humble in your service

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we pray that as (N and N) and all who work and study and rest here, you will bless them with your wisdom and grace that they may accomplish all you have for them to do, for the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Master Bedroom

Antiphon

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

V. I lie down and go to sleep:

R. I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God of life and love, the true rest of your people: Sanctify to (N and N) their hours of rest and refreshment, their sleeping and their waking; and grant that, strengthened by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, they may rise to serve you all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Garden and Pool Area

Antiphon

As the earth puts forth its blossom, or bushes in a garden burst into flower, so shall the Lord God make righteousness and praise blossom before all the nations.

V. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land:

R. **Indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

Let us pray. (Silence)

Jesus, our good Companion, on many occasions you withdrew with your friends for quiet and refreshment: Be present with (N and N) and all who come to this place, for fellowship and recreation; and make of it, we pray, a place of serenity and peace; and the pool a place of safety and fun; in your Name we ask.
Amen

Garage

Antiphon

Many there are who rely upon their hands and are skillful in their own work.

V. Prosper, O Lord, the work of our hands:

R. *Prosper our handiwork.*

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, your blessed Son worked with his hands in the carpenter shop in Nazareth: Be present, we pray, with (N) and all who work with these tools, that in laboring with you, they may share in the joy of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Returning to the Living Room, the Celebrant says:

Antiphon

The effect of righteousness will be peace and the result of righteousness tranquility and trust forever. My people will abide in secure dwellings and in quiet resting places.

V. Unless the Lord builds the house;

R. Their labor is in vain

Let us pray. (Silence)

Visit O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless (N and N) and all who dwell here with the gift of your love; Grant that they may manifest your love to all whose lives they touch. May they grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen them and preserve them in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Celebrant then says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Canon Carey: We have asked God's blessing of this home and all who dwell therein. Let us also give thanks and ask God's blessing on the fortieth anniversary of the marriage of N and N, as we pray together:

May God the Holy Trinity, the source of all unity, bless you,(N and N), this day and forever. Amen

Let us pray: Our Father ...

The Blessing

Celebrant: The blessing of the God of Sarah, Hagar and Abraham; the Blessing of the Son, born of the woman Mary; the blessing of the Holy Spirit who broods over us as a mother does her children, be with you all. Amen

Celebrant:

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.