

BLESSING OF HOME WITH MORE THAN ONE PERSON LIVING THERE

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

Peace be with this house and with all who live here.

And also with you.

When Christ took flesh through the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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 you; may he nurture your love for each other, share in your joys, and comfort you in your sorrows. Inspired by his teachings and example, seek to make your (new) home before all else a dwelling place of love, diffusing far and wide the goodness of Christ.

READING OF THE WORD OF GOD

Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of the holy gospel according to Luke: 10:5-9

The Lord said to the seventy-two: "Into what ever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.' "

INTERCESSIONS

Then say:

The Son of God, Lord of heaven and earth, made his home among us. With thankfulness and gladness let us call upon his, saying:

***R.* Stay with us, Lord.**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your life with Mary and Joseph you sanctified the life of the home; dwell with us in our home, so that we may have you as our guest and honor you as our Head. (For this we pray:)

***R.* Stay with us, Lord.**

In you every dwelling grows into a holy temple; grant that those who live in this house may be built up together into the dwelling place of God in the Holy Spirit. (For this we pray:)

***R.* Stay with us, Lord.**

You taught your followers to build their houses upon solid rock; grant that the members of this family may hold fast to your teachings and, free of all discord, serve you with their whole heart. (For this we pray:)

***R.* Stay with us, Lord.**

You had no place to lay your head, but in uncomplaining poverty you accepted the hospitality of your friends; grant that through our help people who are homeless may obtain decent housing. (For this we pray:)

***R.* Stay with us, Lord.**

PRAYER OF BLESSING

**Lord,
be close to your servants
who move into this home (today)
and ask for your blessing.
Be their shelter when they are at home,
their companion when they are away,
and their welcome guest when they return.
And at last receive them
into the dwelling place you have prepared for them
in your Father's house,
where you live for ever and ever.**

**Let this water call to mind our baptism into Christ,
Who has redeemed us by his death and resurrection.**

***R.* Amen.**

Now sprinkle rooms of house with holy water.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

**May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and may the word of Christ
in all its richness dwell in us, so that whatever we do in word and in
work, we will do in the name of the Lord.**

***R.* Amen**

BLESSING OF ONE HOUSEHOLD HOME

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