

Blessing of Family and House

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

When Christ took flesh through the Blessed Virgin Mary, he made his home with us. Let us now pray that he will enter our home, (marriage, family) and bless us with his presence. May he always be here with us, share in our joys, comfort us in our sorrows. Inspired by his teachings and example, may we seek to make our home (marriage, family) before all else a dwelling place of God's love, diffusing far and wide the goodness of Christ our Redeemer and Heavenly Physician.

Let us prepare ourselves by renewing the promises of our Baptism:

We (I) renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God.

We (I) renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over us (me).

We (I) renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin.

We (I) believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We (I) believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

We (I) believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(If there is holy water): Let this water call to mind our Baptism into Christ, who has redeemed us by his death and resurrection.

From the holy Gospel according to Luke (24:28-32)

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Psalm 112

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Happy the man who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commands.

His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth;
the upright generation shall be blessed. **R.**

Wealth and riches shall be in his house;
his generosity shall endure for ever.
He dawns through the darkness,
a light for the upright;
he is gracious and merciful and just. **R.**

Well for the man who is gracious and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice;
He shall never be moved;
the just man shall be in everlasting remembrance. **R.**

An evil report he shall not fear;
his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.
His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear
till he looks down upon his foes. **R.**

Intercessions

The Son of God, Lord of heaven and earth, made his home among us. With thankfulness and gladness let us call upon him, 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 honour you as our
Head. (For this we pray:) **R.**

In you every dwelling grows into a holy temple; grant that we 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.**

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

Now let us pray for our private needs (wife for husband and vice versa; parents for children
and vice versa)

Prayer of Blessing

Lord, be close to us who live in this home and ask for your blessing.
Be our shelter when we are at 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

May the peace of Christ rule in our 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.**

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