



Blessing

For a Home

Gathering

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who spreads forth the heavens like a tent,
who shelters our lives,
who comes to make a home with us.

Amen.

A candle may be lighted, and these words may be spoken.

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

THE OUTSIDE DOORS

A place of entering and leaving, such as the outside doors

A reading from the Psalms: The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore. (*Psalm 121:8*)

Let us pray. O God, watch over our family in all our going out and our coming in; keep all evil away from our door; and let us share the hospitality of this home with all who visit, that those who enter here may know your love and peace. In Jesus' name we pray.⁷¹⁹

Amen.

THE FAMILY ROOM/LIVING ROOM/PLAY ROOM

A reading from Acts: Then Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them until dawn; then he left. (*Acts 20:11*)

Let us pray. O God, you set apart time for rest and enjoyment of the world you made. Bless those who gather here for fellowship and recreation, that they may be renewed and refreshed. In Jesus' name we pray.⁷²¹

Amen.

PLACE FOR STUDYING – DISTANCE LEARNING

A reading from Proverbs: To get wisdom is to love oneself; to keep understanding is to prosper. (*Proverbs 19:8*)

Let us pray. O God, you are the teacher who leads us to all truth. Grant that *those* who *learn* in this place may use knowledge to heal and help your world. Draw us together through our technology for every good purpose. In Jesus' name we pray.⁷²²

Amen.

KITCHEN

A reading from John: When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." (*John 21: 9, 12*)

Let us pray. O God, you fill the hungry with good things. Send your blessing on *those* who *prepare* food here, and wash the dishes. Make us all ever thankful for daily bread. In Jesus' name we pray.⁷²⁴

Amen.

LAUNDRY ROOM

A reading from Exodus: So Moses went down from the mountain to the people. He consecrated the people, and they washed their clothes. (*Exodus 19:14*)

Let us pray. O God, you are our clothing, wrapping us in love. We bless you for the gift of clothing, and we pray that *all who live here* may be clothed and blanketed in safety. In Jesus' name we pray.⁷²⁶

Amen.

BATHROOM AND EXERCISE ROOM

A reading from the Psalms: You yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know them well. (*Psalms 139:13-14*)

Let us pray. O God, you revealed yourself in human flesh, making holy what is ordinary and earthly. Let the waters of this room refresh and renew us and bless us as we care for our ordinary, marvelous bodies. In Jesus' name we pray.⁷²⁸

Amen.

BEDROOM

A reading from the Psalms: In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure. (*Psalms 4:8*)

Let us pray. O God, may we find here rest and respite, privacy and connection, challenge and enjoyment. May we dream peacefully and grow in health and strength. And in all these things, may we hear you calling us by name. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

A PLACE WHERE PETS OR ANIMALS ARE CARED FOR

A reading from the Psalms: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds, young men and maidens, old and young together. (*Psalms 148:7, 10, 12*)

Let us pray. O God, we thank you for bringing *pet's name* to be our companion and friend. Give us the wisdom to care for these creatures and to delight in them. May they be blessings one to another. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

A WORKSHOP, CRAFT OR SEWING ROOM, MUSIC ROOM, GARDEN, FIRE PIT

A reading from the Psalms: May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork. (*Psalm 90:17*)

Let us pray. O God, you are the source of our creativity. You fashioned our minds to imagine and our hands to shape new things. Prosper the work, joy, music and conversations that are done in this place. In Jesus' name we pray.⁷²³

Amen.

BLESSING

Jesus said, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise householder who built a house on rock."

Dear friends, your work and rest are in God. At morning and evening, at work and at play, God bless your service to others. Now dwell here in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.