

An Anglican House Blessing

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Before going to the house blessing, the leader or leaders should meet with each other or others to pray for God's blessing and protection in the work that is before them, for discernment, to confess their sins, and to put on the whole armor of God. Ask a priest or pastor to pray over the leader(s) for protection and authority and for the well being of all who will be involved.

On the day of the house blessing, but before beginning, explain to the assembled family and friends the nature and purposes of the house blessing liturgy, their role as participants in the reading of Scripture and Psalms, and as intercessors and petitioners in the prayers. Assign roles so that everybody knows what their job is.

Then, if possible, gather where there is a crucifix or cross present. The crucifix or cross may then be carried from room to room, preferably by a family member.

The leader, which may be a layperson, deacon, priest, or bishop begins:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All respond: **And with your spirit.**

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

All make the sign of the cross.

The leader offers prayers of protection for the family and all persons taking part in the house blessing. The following prayers may be used:

Father in heaven, I stand in faith and on the authority I have as a believer in Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, I bind every evil spirit and every evil plan made for this home. I cancel the enemy's plans and call forth God's plans for this home. In the name of Jesus Christ, by the power of His cross and blood, I bind any spirits, powers and forces and command that you may not speak, manifest, or move about this home. You may do nothing. You have no power here. God's word says that God has plans for good and not evil for us (Jeremiah 29:11) and I claim those plans now. I rebuke any curses, hexes, or spells sent against us or this property and send them directly to Jesus for Him to deal with as He will.

Lord, I cover myself and everyone around me with the blood of Jesus. I cover (call them by name) with the blood of Jesus. I cover this home with the blood of Jesus. In the Name of Jesus Christ, by the power of His blood, I break off every power of the kingdom of darkness and cancel every argument that has established itself against the plans of God for this home and for each of us, and spoil every attack of the enemy. I call forth, in the name of Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes for this day and for our lives. Satan, the blood of Jesus is against you and you have no authority in this place or over any of us.

Father, as we undertake this work to which you have called us, I ask that your will be done . I give thanks to you and I praise to you. **Amen.**

Leader: Peace be with this house and with all who live here.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All respond: **Amen.**

The leader may use these or similar words to introduce the house blessing:

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 us; may he nurture our love for each other, share in our joys, comfort us in our sorrows. Inspired by his teachings and example, and transformed by his Holy Spirit, let those who dwell here seek to make their home before all else a dwelling place of love, diffusing far and wide the goodness of Christ.

Then the following Scripture is read:

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (*Colossians 3:12-17*)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All Respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy water or anointing oil, or both, may be used as part of blessing each room. If water is to be blessed, the following form may be used. If water is used, it is sprinkled in each room from a small sprig of evergreen in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit by one of the leaders, a member of the family, or a friend immediately following each prayer. When oil is used, it is sparsely placed above the lintel of each door and window, including closets in the sign of the cross dedicating each space and portal to uses according to the will of God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessing the Water

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

Grant, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that this water be sanctified to be a sign of your dominion over all that it might touch. **Amen.**

The blessings

After this, all go from room to room, reading selections of Scripture or Psalms, or both, offering prayers of intercession and sprinkling holy water and/or anointing with oil, if desired.

At the entrance:

A reading from the Revelation to John. (This is what Jesus Said:) “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.” (*Revelation 3:20*)

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills;*
from where is my help to come?
2. My help comes from the LORD,*
the maker of heaven and earth.
3. He will not let your foot be moved*
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
4. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel*
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
5. The LORD himself watches over you;*
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
6. So that the sun shall not strike you by day,*
nor the moon by night.
7. The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;*
it is he who shall keep you safe.
8. The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,*
from this time forth for evermore.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

O God, heavenly Father, we acknowledge that you are Lord of heaven and earth. Protect our going out and our coming in. As your children, dear Father, and in the strong name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, we ask your blessing on this entry way. Grant by the power of your Holy Spirit and the prayers of your saints, the banishment of demons, the renunciation of all curses, and the entrance of your angels. May the hospitality of this home be shared with all who visit, that those who enter here may know your love and peace.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the living room:

A reading from the 1st letter of Peter. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

(1 Peter 4:8-11)

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

1. Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;*
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
2. All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,*
upon those who are noble among the people.
3. But those who run after other gods*
shall have their troubles multiplied.
4. Their libations of blood I will not offer,*
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
5. O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;*
it is you who uphold my lot.
6. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;*
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
7. I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;*
my heart teaches me, night after night.
8. I have set the LORD always before me;*
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
9. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;*
my body also shall rest in hope.
10. For you will not abandon me to the grave,*
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
11. You will show me the path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

O God, give your blessings to all who share this room, that they may be knit together in companionship. Thank you for this place to live. We claim this room for _____ (name) as a place of spiritual safety and protection from all attacks of the enemy. By our authority as children of God, we command every evil spirit claiming ground in the structures and furnishings of this place to leave and never return. Bring peace to this place, O Lord, and fill it with your presence. Be ever present in the hearts of all who frequent this place. Let the words of your servants be kindled in your fear and seasoned with salt, that when they who have come here have departed, they may proclaim the glory of you holy name.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the kitchen:

A reading from the Gospel of John. (Jesus said:) “Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” “For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” “Sir,” they said, “from now on give us this bread.” Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.” (*John 6:27, 33-35*)

Psalm 23 Dominus regit me - King James Version

1. The Lord is my shepherd;*
I shall not want.
2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;*
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
3. He restoreth my soul;*
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;*
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;*
thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

O Lord, our Shepherd, you fill the hungry with good things. Grant that this kitchen may be a source of abundance, peace, and restoration. May your presence in this place, dear Lord, and the presence of your holy angels, drive away all fear, and deliver this room from any evil that may attempt to reside here. We ask your Holy Spirit to come and fill this place, and to send his anointing upon those who work here.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the dining room:

A reading from the Gospel of Luke. (Jesus said to them:) “The greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.” (*Luke 22:26b-27*)

Psalm 146 *Lauda, anima mea*

1. Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!*
I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
2. Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,*
for there is no help in them.
3. When they breathe their last, they return to earth,*
and in that day their thoughts perish.
4. Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!*
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
5. Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them,*
who keeps his promise for ever;
6. Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,*
and food to those who hunger.
7. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;*
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
8. The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger;*
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
9. The LORD shall reign for ever,*
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you give us food and drink to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad. Deliver this room, O Lord, from all presence of the evil one and his minions, and may this place become instead a haven for the nourishment of body, soul, and spirit. Help us be grateful for all your mercies, Lord, and mindful of the needs of others. May your abiding presence rest upon this room and this table, and may your blessing be upon all those who gather here to share in the abundance of your goodness.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the bedroom:

A reading from the book of Isaiah. (This is what the Sovereign LORD , the Holy One of Israel, says:) "The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever. My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest." (*Isaiah 32:17-18*)

Psalm 3 Domine, quid multiplicati

1. LORD, how many adversaries I have!*
how many there are who rise up against me!
2. How many there are who say of me,*
"There is no help for him in his God."
3. But you, O LORD, are a shield about me;*
you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.
4. I call aloud upon the LORD,*
and he answers me from his holy hill;
5. I lie down and go to sleep;*
I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.
6. I do not fear the multitudes of people*
who set themselves against me all around.
7. Rise up, O LORD; set me free, O my God;*
surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face,
you will break the teeth of the wicked.
8. Deliverance belongs to the LORD.*
Your blessing be upon your people!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Protect us, Lord, when we are awake, watch over us as we sleep; that awake we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in his peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we claim this bedroom as a haven of rest and command any evil spirits to leave this place and never return. We ask you, Lord, to bless this room and this bed, and to send your holy angels to guard it and protect those who sleep here from every attack of Satan or his emissaries. Holy Spirit, we ask you to fill this place, and minister to the hearts of those who abide here, bringing comfort, peace and rest as they sleep.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In a child's bedroom:

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (*Matthew 19:14*)

Psalm 127 *Nisi Dominus*

1. Unless the LORD builds the house,*
their labor is in vain who build it.
2. Unless the LORD watches over the city,*
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
3. It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late,*
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.
4. Children are a heritage from the LORD,*
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
5. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior*
are the children of one's youth.
6. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them!*
he shall not be put to shame when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Watch over the child who sleeps here, dear Lord, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Lord, we ask your blessing on this room and this bed, and pray that you set them aside as a place of spiritual safety. Send your warrior angels to surround this child and this room whenever he sleeps. Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, we bind this child to the will and purpose of God and we loose *him* from every attempt of the evil one to influence any part of his life. We ask, Lord, that you cover this child with the blood of Christ, seal him with the cross of Christ, and surround him with the light of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we renounce any claim to this room (and/or this child) by Satan, based on anything from the history of this room (and/or this child) and we command all evil spirits to leave this place and never to return. The enemy no longer has any place here, and cannot come near. Holy Spirit please come and fill this room. Reveal yourself to this child in his dreams, and draw him near to you, that he may receive your presence, guidance and strength all the days of his life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the main bathroom:

A reading from the book of Proverbs. One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. (*Proverbs 11:24-25*)

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

1. Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,*
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
2. Their delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and they meditate on his law day and night.
3. They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;*
everything they do shall prosper.
4. It is not so with the wicked;*
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,*
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,*
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. You formed us in wisdom and love. Refresh us in body and in spirit, and keep us in good health that we might serve you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we bind all unclean spirits and banish them forever to the foot of His cross. Now, sanctify this room, O Lord, for your purposes, and for your loving care of those who live here. May their hearts be drawn to you in hopeful expectation as they prepare for each new day, in peace and comfort as they ready themselves for sleep, and always in an awareness of your interest and concern in even the smallest details of their lives. Thank you, Lord, for your unconditional love.

Grant this through Christ our Lord **Amen.**

In the office or study:

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy. Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. (*Deuteronomy 6:4-7*)

Psalm 25:3-14 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD,*
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,*
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,*
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;*
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD;*
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right*
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness*
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 10 For your Name's sake, O LORD,*
forgive my sin, for it is great.
- 11 Who are they who fear the LORD?*
he will teach them the way that they should choose.
- 12 They shall dwell in prosperity,*
and their offspring shall inherit the land.
- 13 The LORD is a friend to those who fear him*
and will show them his covenant.
- 14 My eyes are ever looking to the LORD,*
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

O Lord, we thank you that you are the God of truth and light. We bind all who use this room to your truth and loose them from all lies and deceptions of the enemy. May your Holy Spirit come and fill this place, that all business transacted here may be to your glory, and all study would lead to a deeper understanding of the truth and a more committed obedience of your law.

Grant this through Christ our Lord **Amen.**

In the workroom:

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. (*Colossians 3:23-24*)

Psalm 34:9-14 *Benedicam Dominum*

- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints,*
for those who fear him lack nothing.
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger,*
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
11 Come, children, and listen to me;*
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
12 Who among you loves life*
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking*
and your lips from lying words.
14 Turn from evil and do good;*
seek peace and pursue it.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Heavenly Father, you created us in your image and gave us purpose. We claim this workroom for those purposes, Lord, and for your glory, and in the name of your Son Jesus Christ we command every evil spirit to leave and never return. As we work at the tasks you've placed before us, let all that is done be for you, Lord, and may your plan for our lives be realized and fulfilled. May those who work here lack nothing and receive abundantly from your hand.

Grant this through Christ our Lord **Amen.**

In the storage room or garage:

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew. (Jesus said,) “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (*Matthew 6:19-21*)

Psalm 33:1-11 *Exultate, justi*

1. Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous;*
it is good for the just to sing praises.
2. Praise the LORD with the harp;*
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
3. Sing for him a new song;*
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
4. For the word of the LORD is right,*
and all his works are sure.
5. He loves righteousness and justice;*
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.
6. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,*
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
7. He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin*
and stores up the depths of the sea.
8. Let all the earth fear the LORD;*
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
9. For he spoke, and it came to pass;*
he commanded, and it stood fast.
10. The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught;*
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
11. But the LORD'S will stands fast for ever,*
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Almighty and merciful God, who sees with kindness our need for material sustenance, we ask you to bless this space, that what your mercy has kindly provided will not be lost through human weakness or the ways of the enemy. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we renounce the enemy and command every evil spirit to be bound and sent to the foot of the cross. Lord, we ask you to come and fill this space with your presence, that all that is contained herein may be sustained by your mercy and used to glorify your holy name.

Grant this through Christ our Lord **Amen.**

All return to the starting place.

A cross, if one is being used, may be kissed by each person, and then put in a permanent place of honor.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The leader continues: Pour your blessing upon this house, Lord, and make it a place set apart for You. In your mercy, Lord, place your warrior angels as a hedge of protection to guard and defend all in this house. Indwell this house, Holy Spirit, that all who enter and dwell here may be drawn closer in knowledge, faith and love to You, the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. May You bless and sanctify this tabernacle of Your servants and grant them the riches of Your Kingdom of heaven. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**²

Be our shelter, Lord, 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.**

Almighty God, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, cleanse us from any defilement. Keep all of us safe from the evil one and all his minions, and release us in safety to return to our own homes and families safe from any retribution of the enemy as a result of this day. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may ever serve you and please you according to your holy will.

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

All make the sign of the cross as the leader concludes with the prayer of blessing:

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. **Amen.**

The blessing may conclude with a song such as the following traditional Doxology.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Endnotes:

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Prayers for Use at Home

Daily Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

I honor You as my sovereign Lord. I acknowledge that You are always present with me. You are the only all-powerful and wise God. You are kind and loving in all Your ways. I love You and thank You that I am united with Christ and spiritually alive in Him. I chose not to love the world, and I crucify the flesh and all its passions.

I thank You for the life that I now have in Christ, and I ask You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit that I may live my life free from sin. I declare my dependence upon You, and I take my stand against Satan and all his lying ways. I chose to believe the truth, and I refuse to be discouraged. You are the God of all hope, and I am confident that You will meet my needs as I seek to live according to Your Word. I express with confidence that I can live a responsible life through Christ who strengthens me.

I now take my stand against Satan and command him and all his evil spirits to depart from me. I put on the whole armor of God. I submit my body as a living sacrifice and renew my mind by the living Word of God in order that I may prove that the will of God is good, acceptable and perfect. I ask these things in the precious name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bedtime Prayer

Thank you, Lord, that You have brought me into Your family and have blessed me with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms in Christ. Thank You for providing this time of renewal through sleep. I accept it as part of Your perfect plan for Your children, and I trust You to guard my mind and my body during my sleep. As I have meditated on You and Your truth during this day, I choose to let these thoughts continue in my mind while I am asleep. I commit myself to You for Your protection from every attempt of Satan or his emissaries to attack me during sleep. I commit myself to You as my rock, my fortress and my resting place. I pray in the strong name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Cleansing a Home

Remove all articles of false worship from the home. Then, pray aloud in every room as needed.

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that You are Lord of heaven and earth. In Your sovereign power and love, You have given us all things richly to enjoy. Thank You for this place to live. We claim this home for our family as a place of spiritual safety and protection from all the attacks of the enemy. As children of God seated with Christ in the heavenly realm, we command every evil spirit claiming ground in the structures and furnishings of this place, based on the activities of previous occupants, to leave and never return. We renounce all curses and spells utilized against this place. We ask You, heavenly Father, to post guardian angels around this home to guard it from attempts of the enemy to enter and disturb Your purposes for us. We thank You, Lord, for doing this, and pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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