

## Christian House Blessing

We have gathered here today to bless the dwelling of \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure peace be with this house and all who live and visit here. Blessed be the name of the Lord, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 this home before all else, a dwelling place of love, diffusing far and wide the goodness of Christ.

### **House Dedication & Candle Lighting:**

We dedicate this home to love and understanding.  
May its joys and sorrows be shared  
and the individuality of each person  
who lives and visits here be appreciated.

We now light a candle to love. (Light candle 1.)  
Through the Light shining forth from this candle, fill this space as  
We dedicate \_\_\_\_\_ home to work, rest and play.  
May your home have joy and high fellowship,  
with kindness in its voices and laughter running within its walls.

We now light a candle to joy. (Light candle 2.)  
Through the Light shining forth from this candle, fill this space as  
We dedicate \_\_\_\_\_ home to friendly life.  
May its doors open in hospitality  
and its windows look out with kindness toward other homes.  
God, protect \_\_\_\_\_ as they come and go and  
As they share the hospitality of their home with all who visit,  
Let those who enter here know your love and peace.

We now light a candle to friendship. (Light candle 3.)  
Through the Light shining forth from this candle, fill this space as  
We dedicate \_\_\_\_\_ home to cooperation.  
May its duties be performed in love,  
Its furnishings bear witness that the work of others  
ministers to our comfort,

and its table remind us that God works with us  
for the supply of daily needs.

We light a candle to cooperation. (Light candle 4.)  
Through the Light shining forth from this candle, fill this space as  
We dedicate \_\_\_\_\_ home to the appreciation  
of all things good and true.  
May the books bring wisdom,  
the pictures symbolize things beautiful,  
and the music bring joy and inspiration.

We light a candle to appreciation. (Light candle 5.)  
Through the Light shining forth from this candle, fill this space as  
We dedicate the time and talent of those who live here  
to help build a world in which every family  
may have a home of comfort and fellowship.

We light a candle to Christian service. (Light candle 6.)  
Through the Light shining forth from this candle, fill this space as  
We dedicate \_\_\_\_\_ home as a unit in the universal church,  
an instrument of the Kingdom of God,  
a place of worship and Christian training  
and a threshold to the life eternal.

We light a candle to spiritual enrichment. (Light candle 7.)  
Through the Light shining forth from this candle, fill this space  
As the flames point upward, so our thoughts rise in gratitude  
to God for this home, and in prayer for God's blessings upon it.

### **BLESSINGS FOR EACH ROOM**

Dearest God, we ask now that you give your blessings to all the rooms,  
throughout this home.

In the living room, please bless the space so it may always be knit together  
in joy, happiness and companionship.

In the kitchen, just as you fill the hungry with good things, give your  
blessings, so as the work there is done, we are reminded to be ever thankful  
for our daily bread.

God, Bless the dining room, for you give us food and drink to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad. Help us to be grateful for all your mercies, and mindful of the needs of others.

God, Bless the bedrooms in this home: Protect those who rest here, and watch over them as they sleep.

God, Bless the bathrooms. You formed us in wisdom and love. Refresh all here in body and in spirit, and keep them in good health that they might serve you.

### **FINAL BLESSING**

**And now for the final blessing,**

God the Father Almighty,

we thank you for the desires of this family, that all they have and do here may be in accord with your divine plans,

that this home and its residents may be truly and completely dedicated to you, and to serving your kingdom.

We ask you to strengthen them in this commitment.

We pray to you, O God, for this home,

its occupants and possessions,

that you may bless and sanctify them,

enriching them by your kindness in every way possible.

Pour out on them, O Lord, heavenly dew in good measure,

As well as an abundance of earthly needs.

Mercifully listen to their prayers,

And grant that their needs be fulfilled.

As we bow before you, bless this home & every aspect of it,

cleansing any misdeeds of the past,

and leaving it pure, fresh and holy.

Bless this house, just as you blessed

the homes of Abraham and Sarah,

of Isaac and Rebecca,

of Jacob and Rachel.

Within these walls, let your angels of light preside

and stand watch over those who live here,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN!