

The Blessing of a Home for Work, School, and Play

In the front yard:

May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us.

V. Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place!

R. I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

Almighty and everlasting God, grant to this home the grace of your presence, that you may be known to be the inhabitant of this dwelling, and the defender of this household; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The family processes through the house to each person's work or school station or near their devices. Place the candle near the space to be blessed. While the prayers are being offered, and with parent permission, water may be sprinkled on that person and/or their workspace.

At a parent's working space or computer:

May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us.

V. Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place!

R. I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

God, we dedicate this home as a space for working.

May N.'s mind be focused in this space.

May s/he be calm, peaceful and efficient in this place.

May their work be fruitful and their coworkers gracious.

May s/he know that her/his highest value rests in you alone.

Be with N. each and every moment as they do their work in this place. Amen.

At a child's learning space:

May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us.

V. Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place!

R. I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

God we dedicate this home as a space for learning.

May N.'s mind be quieted in this space.

May *s/he* be open to learning in this space.

May *s/he* be curious in this space.

Be with N. each and every moment as *s/he* does *her/his* learning in this place. Amen.

In the living room or family room:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

V. Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place!

R. I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

God we dedicate this home as a place for resting.

May our minds find rest in this place.

May our hearts know joy and laughter in this place.

May we be gracious and flexible with one another.

When we hurt each other, may we be quick to apologize and ask forgiveness.

Be with us each and every moment as we do our playing in this place. Amen.

The Blessing of the Home

When the procession has returned to the front yard, the Presider completes the blessing of the home as follows:

The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness tranquility and trust forever. My people will abide in secure dwellings and in quiet resting places.

V. Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place!

R. I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live, work, and learn here with the gift of your love; and grant that they may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives they touch. May they grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen them; and preserve them in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing