

Add To Your House Blessing

- ◆ Have an Open House along with your House Blessing. Make it a celebration with food and fellowship. A photo display of the building, remodeling and/or moving process would be an added treat.
- ◆ Invite family, neighbors, friends and the landlord, or in the case of a new home: banker, contractor, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, painters, landscapers, and others who have helped with this project. By including others, the blessing is extended to encompass the neighborhood and the construction community.
- ◆ Instead of a guest book, have a photo booth. Add fun props like hats, a large picture frame, umbrellas and tools. Let guests stage their photo shoot. Appoint someone to be the official photographer so you don't miss anyone.
- ◆ Have name tags so you catch the names of your new neighbors.
- ◆ Get matching shirts or hats for the people living in the home so neighbors can easily catch your names and faces.
- ◆ Have quilt squares, a large piece of solid colored fabric or a sheet and have guests sign-in as they arrive. Use permanent markers. Make into a quilt or wall hanging for your new home.
- ◆ Serve snacks in little boxes - symbolic of all the packing and unpacking that goes with moving.
- ◆ Turn your House Blessing into a potluck with participants each invited to bring one of their favorite snacks to share.



A Blessing ...

A blessing is a thank you,
a wish, a dream, a message of
hope, an acknowledgement
of joys and sorrows,
a celebration,
a passing of time, a gathering
of people and thoughts,
a reflection, a time to be still,
a time to jump with joy,
a time of quiet meditation,
a gift of love and a prayer.

***May faith, hope and love
be at the center
of your home.***

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House Blessing



Gather outside.

We gather this day to thank God for providing this dwelling, a sign of God's never-ending love and care. May God bless this dwelling. May it serve as a safe place for all who come here and a means to serve others who are in need of rest and loving care.

Let us pray together: *Almighty God, grant us the gift of hospitality, of love and comfort for all who live here together and all who visit here. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who welcomes all to his presence and is with us, now and forever. Amen.*

Gather in front of the door, in the courtyard or the corridor.

Jesus says, "I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and be with you and you with me."
(Revelation 3:20)

Let us pray together:
Eternal God, you who are the beginning and end of all things in this life and the life to come. As we enter into this home, may our lives reflect the joy we have in you. In Jesus name, Amen.



Move to the living room.

For an individual. "The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want." (Psalm 23:1)

Let us pray together: *Grant your blessing, dear Lord, that she/he will find peace in this room, knowing that you are with her/him."*



For a family. "How very good and pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity." (Psalm 133:1)

Let us pray together: *Grant your blessing, dear Lord, to all who share this room, that they may be drawn together in love and harmony. Amen.*

In the bedroom.

"In peace, I will both lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety." (Psalm 4:8)

Let us pray together: *Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may see the beauty around us, and asleep we may rest peacefully. Amen.*

At the bathroom.

"I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be cleansed." (Ezekiel 36:25)

Let us pray together: *Lord, give us reverence for our bodies, keeping them clean and well. Amen.*

In the kitchen.

And God said, "See I have given you every plant... and you shall have them for food." (Genesis 1:29)

Let us pray together: *O God, you supply every need: Bless the hands that work in this place, and give us grateful hearts for our daily bread. Amen.*

In the dining area.

Jesus said, "How often have I desired to gather my children together?" (Matthew 23:37)

Let us pray together:
Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen.

Or

Bless, O Lord, this food to our use and us to thy service, and keep us ever mindful of the needs of others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

At the door.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

