

Additional Ideas

1. Purchase a solid colored flag or make a flag (2 X 3' or 3 X 5') and leave it, along with markers, on your front porch or by your apartment door. Invite neighbors and friends to leave fun "remember when" comments on the flag. You could do the same thing with a t-shirt or quilt squares
2. Have "new address cards" ready to give friends and neighbors that come to help you pack and move.
3. Leave a letter/note for the new residents of your home. Share with them little things like where to get the best Halloween candy, which one of the neighbors has garden produce to share or the name of the best pet/babysitter.
4. Leave pictures of flower beds in full bloom so the new residents can see what's growing along the back fence.
5. Have a camera ready and snap pictures all day long. Stage some fun shots of people buried under boxes. Create a "Moving Day" photo box and send copies to those who helped you move.

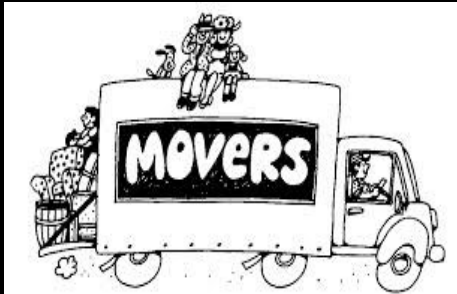


**A blessing is a thank you,
a wish, a dream,
a message of hope,
an acknowledgement of
joys and sorrows,
a celebration, a passing
of time, a gathering of people
and thoughts,
a reflection, a time to be still,
a time to jump with joy,
a time of quiet meditation,
a gift of love
and a prayer.**

**Happy trails as you
venture forward!**

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**A Blessing
for
Moving Day**





This blessing may be used when moving from one home to another,

either within the same city, state, or across the country. Begin inside the home and gather around packed boxes.

Deuteronomy 28:6

“Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.”

As today marks the beginning of a new journey to a new home, we pause to give thanks for this home we leave behind. We give thanks for the love which has been shared within these walls, and the shelter provided to us on a daily basis. Bless us as we go out today, and bless all who come in after us.

Proverbs 24:3-4

“By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established, by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.”



Let us pray.

Dear Lord, as we gather today around our packed possessions and belongings, we are forever mindful that the most precious things we will take with us are not inside these boxes. The relationships developed within this neighborhood and the many memories we experienced within this home are the true treasures we take with us. All of these things will be carried with us as we leave this dwelling behind. May this home continue to be a blessing and enrich the lives of all who enter. Amen.

You may choose to now move some boxes outside to the moving vehicles.

Revelation 21: 3 “And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;”

Let us pray.

Dear Lord, as we begin this move, be with all of those who labor on our behalf to make this move possible. Bless these vehicles and keep us all safe on this journey and bring us joyfully to our new home.

Psalm 23: 6 “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.”

New beginnings can be a little scary, but we know the Lord is with us always. We pray for peace to calm our anxiety and fears. Be with us Lord as we experience new places and meet new people, and help us to be open to all whom you put in our path. Wherever our paths may take us throughout our life journey, our ultimate home resides with you Lord. Bless us as we enter into our new dwelling.

