
EASTER SEASON HOUSE BLESSING PRAYER

Hymn : All over the world (26), No one can give to me (284)

Leader: Peace be with our house and with all who live here.

All reply: And with your spirit.

The purpose of this blessing is that Christ may enter our home to bring us peace and joy.

Let us prepare ourselves so that through the Holy Spirit Christ will speak and bring us the comfort of his presence.

Psalm 128

Response: The Happy Home of the Faithful A song of Ascents.

Happy is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD

The LORD bless you from Zion.

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

Reading: Letter of St Paul to Colossians 3: 12-21

At the end of the reading: The word of the Lord

All reply: Thanks be to God

Silence

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words Our Savior Jesus taught us:

All (say together) Our Father

Hail Mary.....

Holy Mary.....

Prayer of Blessing (by the head of the family)

Blessed are you, O Lord. In the Passover of the Old Testament you kept unharmed the houses of your people that were sprinkled with the blood of the lamb. This fulfilment of signs is the true paschal lamb, the Son you gave us. He was crucified for us and raised from the dead so that we might be filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Bless my family and my home so that the joy of your love may gladden the hearts of all who live here. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

All Reply: Amen

After the prayer of blessing holy water is sprinkled on those present and the home too.

After the sprinkling with holy water this can be said:

“Let this water call to minds our baptism into Christ, who has redeemed us by his death and resurrection”.

Concluding : May the God of hope fill us with every joy in believing. May the peace of Christ abound in our hearts. May the Holy Spirit enrich us with his gifts now and forever.

All reply: Amen.

The Queen of Heaven (The Regina Caeli) (For the Easter Season)

Queen of heaven, rejoice ! Alleluia
For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia
He Has risen as He said Alleluia
Pray for us to God, Alleluia

V: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia

R : for the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia

Let us pray:

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant that we may obtain through his virgin Mother Mary the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord.

R : Amen.

Hymn : God's Spirit is in my heart (250), we are one in the Spirit (427)