

1. HOUSE BLESSING

(Solemn Form)

(Picture of the Sacred Heart, Crucifix or Cross, a candle, the Holy Bible are to be placed in the family prayer room)

P: Glory to God in the highest.

R: Amen

P: Peace and hope to people on earth forever

R: Amen

C: Our Father (together), Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespassed against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil. For Yours is the kingdom the power, and glory forever and ever. Amen.

S: Let us pray peace be with us.

P: Lord our God bless this home and its inhabitants. Protect them from every danger, physical and spiritual. May Your right hand be their strength. Now always and forever.

R: Amen.

Psalms 127

If the Lord does not build the house,
The work of the builders is useless;/

If the Lord does not protect the city,

It is useless for the sentries to stand guard./



It is useless to work so hard for a living,
 Getting up early and going to bed late./
 For the Lord provides for those He loves,
 While they are asleep./

Children are a gift from the Lord;
 They are a real blessing./

The sons a man has when he is young
 Are like arrows in a soldier's hand./

Happy is the man who has many such arrows.
 He will never be defeated
 When he meets his enemies in the place of judgement./

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning and is now and ever shall be,
 world without end, Amen.

S: Let us pray peace be with us.

P: Merciful Lord, remain with us and make our home your abode. Be our consolation in all sorrows and help in all our needs. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now always and forever. Amen.

Ceremony of lighting the lamp

(The priest lights the lamp by reciting the following prayer, and the head (Father and Mother) of the family light the candles from the lamp indicating that the members and the home are illumined by Jesus, the Light.)

P: The Lord who says: "I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness", be the Light of this home.

P: Lord of all, we bow and praise you.
 Jesus Christ, we glorify you



For you give man glorious resurrection
And you are the one who saves his soul.

(OR)

Sarvadipanam Karthave
Ninne Vanangi Namikkunnu
Eeso Natha Vinayamode
Ninne Namichu Pukazthunnu
Marthiyanu Nithya Mahonnathmam
Uddanam Nee Arulunnu
Akshayam avanuda – yathmavil
Nuthama rakshayum – ekunnu

P: My Lord, you are truly the one who raises our bodies. You are the Savior of our souls and the preserver of our lives. We are bound always to thank, adore and glorify you, the Lord of all forever. Amen.

S: Brothers and sisters raise your voices and glorify the living God.

All: Holy God
Holy Almighty one
Holy Immortal one
Have Mercy on us

S: Let us pray, peace be with us

P: Glorious, Mighty, Immortal and Holy God, You are pleased to dwell in the holy ones, we beseech You look upon us, pardon us and show us compassion according to Your nature. The Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Lord of all forever. Amen

Reading of the word of God

S: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians
Bless me Lord

P: May God bless you ✙



(First reading. Eph 5:1-2, 20-22,25, 6:1-4, 10.)

Since you are God's dear children, you must try to be like Him.

Your life must be controlled by love, just as Christ loved us and gave his life for us as a sweet-smelling offering and sacrifice that pleases God.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, always give thanks for everything to God the Father.

Submit yourselves to one another because of your reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave his life for it.

Children, it is your Christian duty to obey your parents, for this is the right thing to do.

"Respect your father and mother" is the first commandment that has a promise added:

"So that all may go well with you, and you may live a long time in the land."

Parents, do not treat your children in such a way as to make them angry. Instead, bring them up with Christian discipline and instruction.

Finally, build up your strength in union with the Lord and by means of his mighty power.

(At the end of the reading)

All: Praise be to Christ, our Lord.

Gospel Reading

P: Peace be with you

A: With you and with your spirit



P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ Proclaimed by St. Luke.
(Quote from LK 19:1-10)

Jesus went on into Jericho and was passing through.

There was a chief tax collector there named Zacchaeus,
who was rich.

He was trying to see who Jesus was, but he was a little man
and could not see Jesus because of the crowd.

So he ran ahead of the crowd and climbed a sycamore tree to
see Jesus, who was going to pass that way.

When Jesus came to that place, he looked up and said to Zacchaeus,
"Hurry down, Zacchaeus, because I must stay in your house today."

Zacchaeus hurried down and welcomed him with great joy.

All the people who saw it started grumbling, "This man has gone as
a guest to the home of a sinner!"

Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Listen, sir! I will give half
my belongings to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone, I will pay
back four times as much."

Jesus said to him, "Salvation has come to this house today, for this
man, also, is a descendant of Abraham.

The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

A: (at the end of the reading) Glory be to Christ, our Lord.

P: Homily (it is good to give a short message to the family about the
power of prayer and need for daily family prayer, observance
of Sunday, Sacramental life and the need for keeping good
communication with Holy Catholic Church and the parish church).

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S: Let us all stand with devotion and pray saying:
"Lord have mercy on us".



10 **All:** Lord have mercy on us.

S: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, we implore you to bless this family and keep them united in joy and love.

All: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord Jesus, we implore you to bless this family with all the spiritual gifts necessary for their salvation.

All: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Compassionate Lord, we implore your protection over this family that they may fulfill their family responsibilities with prayer, hard work and acts of charity.

All: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, help this family to follow you daily by patiently carrying the crosses, life will bring to them.

All: Lord, have mercy on us.

S: Lord bless this family to follow the example of Holy Family of Nazareth and remain always faithful to Your call to be united in life forever.

All: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, keep this family safe from all the snares of Satan, disunity, faithlessness and disbelief, we pray.

All: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord, send your holy angels to protect this family from all dangers, sicknesses and calamities, we pray.

All: Lord have mercy on us.

S: Lord help the family to lead a life pleasing to you so that they may attain heavenly bliss after death

All: Lord have mercy on us.
(if needed, add additional prayers of petition)

S: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Lord our God we commend ourselves to you.

S: Let us pray peace be with us.

Prayer Of Blessing

(Priest extending the right hand over the family members begins the blessing prayer)

May Almighty God, the Father ✠ and the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit ✠ bless, anoint and separate this as the abode of his chosen ones, now always and forever.

Compassionate God, You who blessed and saved the house of Israel, we beseech You to bless and protect this house from all the harms visible and invisible.

Since family is the most important unit of the Church, protect this family with your paternal love and care. We entrust this family to your providence. Keep the children, holy, chaste and God fearing. O Holy Spirit, come and dwell in the hearts of the members of this family. Fill them with your blessed fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Let nothing happen in this house that displeases you.

May the prayers and presence of Bl. Mary be with you;

May St. Joseph, the protector of all the Christian families be also your protector. May his prayers keep you safe from all dangers, sickness, and attacks of evil forces, natural calamities, thieves and from envious people.

May the blessings of St. Thomas, our father in faith and the prayers of St. Alphonsa, St. Chavara, and St. Euphrasia be on constant guard over this house. Now always and ✠ forever Amen.

(The priest blesses the home with holy water. Family members sing a song invoking Holy Spirit, or praising the glories of Mary or the following psalm is prayed in two groups)



Whoever goes to the Lord for safety,
whoever remains under the protection of the Almighty,
can say to him, "You are my defender and protector.
You are my God; in you I trust."/

He will keep you safe from all hidden dangers
and from all deadly diseases./

He will cover you with his wings;
you will be safe in his care;
his faithfulness will protect and defend you./

You need not fear any dangers at night
or sudden attacks during the day/

or the plagues that strike in the dark
or the evils that kill in daylight./

A thousand may fall dead beside you,
Ten thousand all round you,
but you will not be harmed./

You will look and see
how the wicked are punished./


You have made the Lord your defender,
the Most High your protector,/

and so no disaster will strike you,
no violence will come near your home./

God will put his angels in charge of you
to protect you wherever you go./

They will hold you up with their hands
to keep you from hurting your feet on the stones./

You will trample down lions and snakes,
fierce lions and poisonous snakes./



God says, "I will save those who love me
and will protect those who acknowledge me as Lord./

When they call to me, I will answer them;
when they are in trouble, I will be with them.
I will rescue them and honor them./

I will reward them with long life;
I will save them."

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father,
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Now ✠ always
and forever. Amen.

(Now everyone says to one another; praise be to Jesus Eeso
Missihayikku -sthuthi -yayrikkatte).