

A Liturgy for Blessing the Home

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A Blessing of the Home is a traditional practice, often used during time of transition, such as moving into a new house. During a blessing friends and neighbours gather at a home, moving from room to room as they bless the occupants and activities which occur in the different spaces.

As we transition into this new year of Small Church you are invited to bless the home which will carry your group through the coming year. You don't have to visit every room in the house but pick the spaces which are significant when gathering for Small Church. Maybe it is the kitchen or living room where most of the discussion occurs. Maybe the entryway is important for greetings and farewells. Perhaps it is the playroom or backyard where the children play.

You can have one person read the blessing, or you can pass it around to have multiple voices join in. There are also spaces where everyone is invited to fill in the blanks, making the blessing specific to your Small Church.

Please note this does not have to be a somber experience. Reverence and blessing still occur when there are interruptions, bursts of laughter, questions, and awkward silences. God's holy presence is with us through all these moments.

A Blessing of the (Small Church) Home

God who dwells with us,

We give thanks for this home and for those who call this space home _____ (*list those who live here*). We are grateful that this is the place which shelters them each night, which provides a safe place for them to share meals together and is where they can turn to one another in times of need.

Bless these walls, ceilings and floors, the furniture, decorations and dishes which witness their day-to-day life - the joys and the sorrows, the disagreements and the celebrations. We notice all the objects, the treasured, the necessary, and the misplaced, which have observed their laughter and smiles. Which stand guard when tears are shed, emotions are stretched far, and hearts are broken. Bless the dust, the mess hiding behind closed doors,

and even the spiders peeking out through the cracks, for this is a house which contains lives fully lived.

We are grateful for this family for opening their home to others, especially for the use with Small Church. For the cleaning, maintaining, and preparations which take place before inviting us inside (even on the days when they would rather not). For welcoming us with warm hospitality, reflecting the love and compassion of our Triune God who welcomes us all into the safety and shelter of their love.

Blessing of the Rooms

As we stand in the _____ (*name the room which you are standing in*) we give thanks for this room which serves many purposes to many different people.

When we gather as a Small Church, we give thanks that this is a space which holds the various tasks, activities, and experiences we do together. Some of these include _____ (*ask for people to say the different things that take place here during Small Church*).

This space has witnessed many different moments with our Small Church, both the significant and the ordinary. And will witness more to come in the next year. We remember the times in this space where we have _____ (*ask for people to share memories and interactions which have occurred in this space, or expect to occur in this space*).

Help us to recognize God's presence among us when we are in this space. Even in the midst of the chaos and mundane, may we remember that this is sacred space. As we gather here for Small Church, may the Spirit weave through our lives, helping us to grow deeper in relationship with God and with one another.

Repeat the room blessing as many times as needed, as you move from room to room. Once you return to where you started, conclude this blessing by saying the following:

May God's holy presence be made known to those who call this place home, day by day.

And each time any of us enter these rooms, may we notice that God dwells here with us.

Peace be to you. And peace be to all who pass through this home: friends, family, workers, strangers, enemies, unwanted visitors, pets, and even pests.

Peace be to all, as God dwells here with us.