

Bless your Home with Easter Water

At the Easter Vigil each year holy water is blessed. It is a tradition in Ireland that families bring this Easter water home symbolising the family's renewal in Christ, to bless themselves, their homes, vehicles and also the graves of loved ones.

To Begin

Gather the members of the household together. Have all family members make a sign of the cross with the water, which was blessed during the Easter Triduum.

Gathering Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our home. We gather here today to celebrate and welcome your presence here amongst us in our dwelling place. May your blessings continue to pour down upon this home and upon all who are gathered here; that our home may be enriched with love, memories, grace and peace.

Reading 2 Chronicles 7:15-16

“Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.”

The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God**



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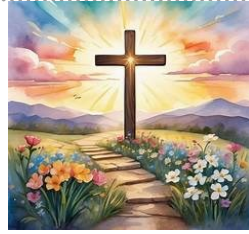
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Intercessions

Invite each participant to offer a prayerful intention. Remember to pray for deceased family members and for real hopes, fears and joys that relate to those who have gathered and with whom you share your home. All: **Amen**

Blessing of the Home

Please go to pg.2 for a selection of House Blessings that you can use as you bless your home.



Short Blessing

Let us now pray that the Lord will enter our home and bless it with his presence.

May the lord always be here among us, deepen our love for each other, share in our joys, and comfort us in our sorrows. May our home be a place of love, filled with the goodness of the Lord.

Amen

Alternative House Blessing

May God bless this house from top to bottom. May He bless each lintel, each stone and beam of wood, May He bless the household and the table on which we place food. May He bless each bed room in which we seek a peaceful sleep,. May He bless the door we open generously to the stranger and the meek – as well as to our relatives and friends.

May He bless the windows through which come the bright beams, of sunlight, moon and stars. May He bless the rafters above our head and each strong wall surrounding us, May peace love and affection dwell herein and flow towards our neighbours.

May God bless this gathering and keep us from danger, And May He guide us all together to his Heavenly sanctuary. **Amen.**

Beannú Tí

Go mBeannaí Dia an teach seo óna bhun go dtí a bharr, go mbeannaí sé gach fardoras, gach cloch is gach clár, go mbeannaí sé an teaghlach, an bord ar a leagtar bia. Go mbeannaí sé gach seomra I gcomhair sámh chodladh na hoíche. go mbeannaí sé an doras a osclóimid go fial don stráinséir is don bhochtán chomh maith is dár ngaol,

go mbeannaí sé na fuineeoga a ligeann dúinn an léas ó sholas geal na gréine, na gealaí is na réalt,

Go mbeannaí sé na frathacha in airde os ár gcionn Is fós gach balla daingean atá inár dtimpeallú inniu. Go bhfana síocháin dá réir sin don ár gcomharsan, cion is grá.

Go mbeannaí Dia an mhuirear seo agam agus a choimead ó bhaol. Is go stiúra sé sinn uile go dtí a ribhrú féin. **Amen.**

Now go around your home sprinkling the Easter Holy Water saying: 'We bless this house In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit'. Amen.

