

House Blessing

*Adapted from the Northumbria Community St. Birgit House Blessing by Lee Hardy.
This version for occasions when the new occupants are present and willing to participate.*

At the Doorway

[Liturgist:] May God give a blessing to the house that is here.
God bless this house from roof to floor, from wall to wall,
from end to end, from its foundation and in its covering.
In the name of the Triune God:
 all evil be banished,
 all disturbance cease,
 all captive spirits freed.
May God's Spirit alone dwell within these walls.

**[The People:] We call upon the Sacred Three to save, shield, and surround
this house, this home, this day, this night, and every night.**

In the Living Room

[Liturgist:] There is a friend's love in the gentle heart of the Savior.
For love of Him we offer friendship and welcome every guest.
Lord, kindle in our hearts a flame of love
 for our neighbors,
 for our friends,
 for our enemies,
 for our kindred all—
from the lowliest thing that lives
to the name that is highest of all.

[The new occupants:] Come to a warm place in this house,
come in the name of Christ.
Our hearts and minds agree,
welcome in the name of the Lord.

**[The People, kneeling:] There is a fiery power in the gentle heart of the Spirit.
Our hearts are agreed as we kneel and call on the Sacred Three
to save, shield, and surround us, our family, our guests,
this house, this home, this day, this night,
and every night, each single night.**

In the Kitchen

[The new occupants:] We would welcome the poor and honor them;
We would welcome the sick in the presence of angels;
and ask God to bless and embrace us all.

Seeing a stranger approach, we would put
 food in the eating place,
 drink in the drinking place,
 music in the listening place,
and look with joy for the blessing of God,
who often comes to our homes in the guise of a stranger.

**[The People:] We call on the Sacred Three
to save, shield, and surround us, our family, our guests,
this house, this home, this day, this night,
and every night, each single night.**

In the Bedroom

[Liturgist:] May God the Father be the guardian of this place and bring His peace,
that fear may find no entry here.
May Christ be a chosen companion and friend.
May loneliness be banished.

May the Spirit bring lightness and laughter,
and be the comforter of tears.

Courage be at each going out.
Rest be present at each return,
each day, each night,
each going out and each returning.

Peace be here in the name of the King of life,
the peace of Christ above all peace, the Lord's blessing over you.

**[The People:] We call on the Sacred Three
to save, shield, and surround us, our family, our guests,
this house, this home, this day, this night.**

Closing

[Liturgist:] May God the Father be the guardian of this place and bring His peace.
 Here may his will be done.

Here may his love dwell.
Here may his grace abound.
May the Spirit bring lightness and laughter,
be the strengthener in fear,
and the comforter of tears,
inspiring thought and word and deed,
uniting heart and mind.

[Liturgist, addressing the new occupants:] May the Lord kindle in you a spirit of adventure,
grant you courage to step out in faith,
encouragement in breaking new ground,
and a love that forges fresh bonds of community.

**[The People, addressing the new occupants:] Peace be here in the Name of the King of life,
the peace of Christ above all peace, the Lord's blessing over you.**