# At Home with God: A Blessing for our Homes

We humbly ask of you, God the Father Almighty, to bless and sanctify our home, those who live in it and everyone who visits it. Grant us, Lord, your blessings from heaven upon our daily life; from sunrise to sunset and all through the night may we be sure of your love. Direct the longings of our prayers with your great mercy and wisdom. Bless this home at our coming in, and our going out, just as you blessed the homes of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. May your angels of light bring peace to our house, to guard it and all who live within it, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# At Home with God: The Front Door

'I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.' *John 10.9* 

We give thanks for the invention of the handle. Without it there would be many things we couldn't hold on to. As for the things we can't hold on to anyway, let us gracefully accept their ungraspable nature and celebrate all things elusive, fleeting and intangible. They mystify us and make us receptive to truth and beauty. We celebrate and give thanks. Amen. *Michael Leunig* 

## At Home with God: The Living Room

By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. *Proverbs 24.3-4* 

Be still and know that I am God. *Psalm 46.10* 

Lord Jesus, be with me where I am sitting right now. Make your home with me. Amen.

## At Home with God: The Kitchen

Go, eat your food with gladness and drink your wine with a joyful heart. *Ecclesiastes 9.7* 

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. *Galatians* 5.22-23

Fill me with your Spirit today, living Lord, so I will show love, find joy, be at peace, be patient, show kindness and generosity, trust you faithfully, be gentle and self-controlled. Amen.

#### At Home with God: Workplace or Study

Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands O prosper the work of our hands! *Psalm 90.17* 

#### Creator God,

Thank you for providing us with the gift to share our talents. Equip our community, our nation and our world with the desire to provide enough work that is decent and fair. Make us faithful stewards of your creation to enhance the human dignity, creativity and ingenuity of our global family. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

#### At Home with God: The Bedroom

Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you lift up my soul. *Psalm 143.8* 

As I welcome in this new day, may God the Father be at my side. To guide me and to hold me: to show me where I need to be in each and every hour.

As I welcome in this new day, may Jesus Christ be at my side. To lead me and to challenge me: to show me who I need to be in each and every hour. As I welcome in this new day, may the Holy Spirit be at my side. To inspire me and to prompt me: to show me what I need to do in each and every hour. Amen.

# At Home with God: In our Sleeping

I will lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety. *Psalm 4:8* 

Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world, we pray That you, with steadfast love, would keep Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight, From fears and terrors of the night; Tread underfoot our deadly foe That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done Through Jesus Christ, your only Son; And Holy Spirit, by whose breath Our souls are raised to life from death. Amen.

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