

A SERVICE OF HOUSE BLESSING

Scripture Texts:

Psalm 121, Psalms 127:1-2

Ephesians 2:19-22

Statement of Purpose:

Leader: Throughout the ages, the home has been the focus of the family. It is a gift from God. It is the center of faith, education, nurture and abundant living.

People: **We have met here to bless and consecrate this home to the glory of God and for the enrichment of all who enter here.**

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 127:1-2; A song of ascents. Of Solomon. Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. In vain you arise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves.

Ephesians 2:19-22; Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

A Prayer of Cleansing:

Leader: Because this house has been previously occupied, there is no way of knowing what spirits have entered here. Fear, hatred, timidity, and sickness can linger from the lives and experiences of others. Let us pray for the cleansing of everything that would be harmful from this home.

People: **Holy God, we have entered this house to pray for the cleansing of everything that would be harmful from this home.**

People: **Holy God, we have entered this house to pray your peace upon it and all who enter here. We pray that you cleanse this house from every evil and all destructive spirits that might linger here. In the name of Jesus, we claim this**

home for you. In the name of Jesus we order every unclean spirit to leave and to stay far removed. We have the courage to do this because we believe that yours is the kingdom and the power and glory now and forever. Amen

Symbols of Home and Family:

1. The Bible

Leader: The Bible is the source of Knowledge and wisdom. From it we get our values and our standard of right and wrong. The Bible points us to Jesus Christ, the head of this family and Lord of this household.

People: **Lord, God, giver of life and every good gift, through your powerful Holy Spirit, move freely in this home. May Jesus Christ always be the guest of honor here. Amen**

2. A Food

Leader: This food symbolizes hospitality and nourishment. The home is a time-honored place of welcoming. Here family, friends and strangers are welcomed with food and drink.

People: **Lord Jesus, you came into the world to serve and welcome all. Let the same spirit of service live with this home. Let food be shared with gladness. Let love be genuine. Let this be a place of welcome after every wear journey. Let it be a place of rest after every day of hard work. Amen.**

3. A Candle:

Leader: And god said, let there be light and there was light. The light and warmth of this candle are symbols of truth and grace. Truth and grace are the basis of all relationships and the source of our mental and spiritual health.

People: **Lord Jesus, light of the world, you have called us to be the light of the world. Let the light of your presence radiate from this place. May truth always be spoken and lived here. And may grace and forgiveness live here in abundance.**

4. The Pillow:

Leader: This pillow represents warmth, sleep and intimacy. Th home is a place of acceptance, love and closeness. In it we renew our strength for our life in the world.

People: May the rich gifts of sleep, warmth and intimacy be present for this family and all who are hosted here. For all your gifts of love we bless you and thank you in Jesus name. Amen

Benediction:

Psalm 121; A song of ascents. I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

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