

## Blessing - We stand on our doorstep facing our Church Building

**Priest** Father we ask you to bless this your house,

that it continue to be a shelter for the lost,

a place of healing for the sick, and a temple to your praise,

this day and every day

All Amen.

## We turn to face the world

*Priest* Father, we accept the mantle of authority

that Jesus delegates to us and now,

in His name, we speak to every household in our parish and say:

All We bless you in the Name of the Lord. We bless every relationship within each household, that there may be peace and love and understanding flowing between each one.

We bless all marriages and partnerships that they may be strong and whole, loving, forgiving and merciful.

We bless every network of wholesome and supportive friendship and pray for honesty and compassion in our dealings with one another.

We speak blessings on the land: We bless the soil and the grass, the rocks and the trees; we bless the rivers and streams, the cliffs and the seed, the meadows and pastures, the woods and the hills. We bless the crops in the fields to grow healthy and strong; we bless the animals, birds and insects, that all would flourish to the glory of God.

We speak blessings of health: We bless the health of every person in our parish and to all who are sick we say: we bless you in Jesus' name with a speedy recovery.

To all who live and work in our community we say: We bless the work of your hands. We bless you with enough to live and enough to give.

We bless all those who volunteer to do things that improve the life of your people.

We speak blessings on our schools: We bless the teachers and children in our schools that they may be secure and safe. We bless the children with a capacity to learn and develop relationships. We bless them with a simple trust in Jesus, and that we might enable their trust to grow and become enriched.

We speak blessings on our church fellowships: We speak to the churches in our parish and we bless you in the name of the Lord that the Holy Spirit and the word of God may flow out from you in power.

We bless the hearts of all who live in our parish to be softened towards God and quickened to hear and respond to his voice. We bless all who live and work here, that the overspill of the blessings of the presence of the Kingdom of God may fall upon us all.

We welcome you Lord; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to sweep through our parish, healing our hearts and souls, bodies and minds, and moving us from glory to glory until we are reunited with you in eternity. Amen



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