House Blessing #1:

Peace be with this house and with all who live here.

Creator God,
we thank you that through faith in Jesus,
you make us all members of your eternal family.
We give thanks for all the love that you send
to draw our earthly families together,
to heal us, and to heal those who have gone before us.

Fill this house with your divine presence, we pray.
Pour out your love to deepen the fellowship shared here.
Let your wisdom guide us, your trust free us,
and your peace bless us, through Jesus. Amen.

**House Dedication & Candle Lighting:**

We dedicate this home to love and understanding.
May its joys and sorrows be shared
and the individuality of each person
who lives and visits here appreciated.
We light a candle to love. (Light a candle.)

We dedicate this home to work, and rest and play.
May this home have joy and lots of wonderful fellowship,
with kindness in its voices and laughter running within its walls.
We light a candle to joy. (Light a candle.)

We dedicate this home to friendly life.
May its doors open in hospitality
and its windows look out with kindness toward other homes.
We light a candle to friendship. (Light a candle.)

We dedicate this home to cooperation.
May its duties be performed in love,
its furnishings bear witness that the work of others
ministers to our comfort,
and its table remind us that God works with us
for the supply of daily needs.
We light a candle to cooperation. (Light a candle.)

We dedicate this home to the appreciation
of all things good and true.
May the books bring wisdom,
the pictures symbolize things beautiful,
and the music bring joy and inspiration.
We light a candle to appreciation. (Light a candle.)
We dedicate the time and talent of those who live here
to help build a world in which every family
may have a home of comfort and fellowship.
We light a candle to service. (Light a candle.)

We dedicate this home as a unit in the universe,
an instrument of the Kingdom of God,
a place of worship and love
and a threshold to the life eternal.
We light a candle to spiritual enrichment. (Light a candle.)

As the flames point upward, so our thoughts rise in gratitude
to God for this home, and in prayer for God's blessings upon it.

God the Father Almighty,
we thank you for the desires of this family, that all they have and do here
may be in accord with your divine plans, that this home and its residents may be truly and completely dedicated to you, and to serving your kingdom.

We ask you to strengthen them in this commitment.
We pray to you, O God, for this home, its occupants and possessions,
that you may bless and sanctify them, enriching them by your kindness in every way possible. Pour out on them, your love, your joy, your peace.
Mercifully listen to their prayers,
and grant that their needs be fulfilled.
As we bow before you, bless this home & every aspect of it, cleansing any misdeeds of the past,
and leaving it pure, fresh and holy.
Bless this house, just as you blessed
the homes of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebecca,
of Jacob and Rachel.
Within these walls, let your angels of light preside
and stand watch over those who live here,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN!

House Blessing #2

We believe in living deeply, laughing often and loving always. We believe we were brought together to support and care for each other. We believe in celebrating together -- our faith, our heritage, our traditions. We believe that everyone's feelings count, and that the uniqueness of each of us strengthens all of us. We believe in the power of forgiveness to heal and the power of love to carry us through. We believe in one another, in this family, in this home.”

### At the entrance:

O God, protect our going out and our coming in; Let us share the hospitality of this home with all who visit us, that those who enter here may know your love and peace.

### In the living room:

O God, give your blessings to all who share this room, that we may be knit together in companionship.

### In the kitchen:

O God, you fill the hungry with good things. Send your blessing on us, as we work in this kitchen, and make us ever thankful for our daily bread.

### In the dining room:

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you give us food and drink to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad. Help us to be grateful for all your mercies, and mindful of the needs of others.

### In the bedrooms:

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, we may rest in his peace.

### In the bathroom:

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. You formed us in wisdom and love. Refresh us in body and in spirit, and keep us in good health that we might serve you.

All return to the starting place.