

so protect us from all harm
as we journey towards you.
May our Lord Jesus Christ
be with us to defend us;
within us to keep us;
before us to lead us;
behind us to guard us
and above us to bless us,
now and always.

(Pastoral Prayers: Mowbray)

Blessing for a home or room

*Bless water as before and sprinkle it
around the area to be blest.*

End with this prayer:

Hear us, Holy Lord and Father, almighty and eternal God. In your goodness send your angel from heaven to watch over all who live in this house (room). May his coming put new heart into them; protect them and be with them to defend them from all harm. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Prayers

For

the

Water

Walk

You are my God. I worship you.
In my heart, I long for you,
as I would long for a stream
in a scorching desert.
I have seen your power
and your glory.

Your love means more
than life to me,
and I praise you.
As long as I live,
I will pray to you.
I will sing joyful praises

(Psalm 61)

Father God,
When I'm lost and lose sight of you;
When I forget my prayers,
and when I'm swept away with life
and all its difficulties,
When I cannot answer my friends'
questions about my faith,
Even though I know the answer;
When I'm too busy and,
Like homework I can't do,
You get shoved to the bottom
of the pile,
Remind me that all I have to do is to
STOP!

For I know that you will find me
And will meet me wherever I am.

(Nick Aiken)

**Blessing of Baptismal water
for the sign of the cross**

God our Father, your gift of water
brings life and refreshment to the
earth. It washes away the dust of the
journey and the sins of the past. We
ask you now to bless this water, and to
give us your protection on this and
every day. Renew the living spring of
your life within us. Protect us in spirit
and body and lead us into your pres-
ence in heaven In the name of the Fa-
ther, and of the son and of the Holy
Spirit, amen.

(Roman Missal: adapted)

Be praised, my Lord,
For Brother Sun.
He shines with splendour,
brings us light,
and reminds us of you.
Be praised for our sister the moon,
and for the stars,

which shine so brightly in the heavens.

Be praised for our brother the Wind,
and for the air,

through which you give life
to the creatures you have made.

Be praised for our sister Water,
so humble and poor;

so necessary and precious.

Be praised, my Lord,

For Brother Fire.

You made him mighty and strong
and he gives us light in the darkness.

Be praised for our mother the Earth,
who brings forth food to sustain us.

May we praise you for ever,
my Lord, and give you thanks
and serve you with great humility.

(St. Francis of Assisi).

Heavenly Father,
as you led your pilgrim people
through the desert
and brought them
to the promised land,