



Seasonal Blessing Rites

Blessings through the Church Year



A five-page liturgical document for clergy, catechists, altar servers, missions, and lay study, prepared in a Gothic-style Prayer Book format for the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America.

Pastoral Authorization

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Purpose of Blessings

Seasonal blessing rites dedicate persons, homes, missions, instruments, and common life to the service of God through prayer and thanksgiving.

Rubric. Blessings are not magical acts; they are prayers of faith and dedication.





Seasonal Blessings

Advent: Bless this wreath and make our hearts watchful for Christ. Christmas: Bless this home with the joy of the Incarnation. Epiphany: Bless this doorway and all who enter in peace. Lent: Bless our fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Easter: Bless this Paschal celebration with resurrection joy.





Blessing of a Home

Visit, O Lord, this home with the gladness of Thy presence. Bless all who dwell herein with faith, peace, charity, Scripture, prayer, and hospitality. Amen.





Rubrics and Register

Use and Care

This booklet is designed for practical use. The officiant shall prepare the readings, persons, vessels, vestments, music, and pastoral notes before the service begins.

Rubric. The text may be shortened only when necessity requireth; the essential prayer, Scripture, and sacramental form shall be preserved.

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