

Liturgy For The
Blessing Of A Place
With The Presence Of
The Lord Jesus Christ

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Call To Worship

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

(John 8:12 RSV)

Prayer of Invocation

In Christ Jesus, eternal God, you have called us out of darkness into your marvellous light. As we worship you, offering this place before your throne of grace that it may be brought under your divine protection, let us experience the light of your presence surrounding us by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Hear us through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hymn

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

With all those who offer you, O God, the praise and adoration that, without reserve belong to you, we pause in your presence to affirm that

you are the One whose power sustains and orders life. It is your saving, sovereign rule expressed through the circumstances of our lives that has set before us ever-new opportunities to experience your transformation of our quality of life.

Eternal God of salvation, you have exalted your Word as a lamp to our feet and as a light to our path but we confess that we have often turned a deaf ear to that word of guidance, of admonition, of instruction. We confess that we have loved darkness rather than light. Forgive us, merciful God. Forgive us for wanting and even insisting on your presence and blessing in our lives while we have been content to allow our thoughts, our words and our actions to be dictated by our own sinful desires. Purify us in spirit, in soul and in body through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ poured out for us, that by the power of your Holy Spirit at work in our lives we may know your presence and experience your blessing in all that we undertake to do because we have been separated from sin to share in purer fellowship with you.

Receive our prayer in the Name of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Scripture Readings

Prayer of Illumination
Meditation

Act Of Blessing

It is written in James 4:8 – “Draw near to God and he will draw near to you”(RSV).

Surely God is in this place for we have drawn near to Him in worship, offering to Him our praise, seeking His forgiveness for our sins, and listening for His Word to us.

It is written: “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1 RSV).

Let us light this candle as a symbol of God’s presence in this place.

The candle is lit by the most suitable representative of those on whose behalf the worship is being conducted.

It is written in 1 John 1:5 – “God is light and in him is no darkness at all” (RSV).

The lighted candle is then taken to each place successively in which the Prayer of Blessing is to be offered. When all are assembled in the particular place the officiating person shall say:

Let us pray after me:

Prayer Of Blessing

Lord Jesus, let your presence now dwell in this place.

This prayer may be repeated more than once as necessary for the particular location.

Amen.

When the Prayer Of Blessing has been offered in all of the locations chosen by the officiating person he/she shall then proceed as follows:

Prayer of Supplication

O God in whom there is no darkness at all, be so present in this place through the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and with those who live/work here that nothing that is of the darkness and therefore not of you may find a dwelling place here.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, be the source of every thought, word and action that forms a part of life within this place that those who live/work here may know your love and mercy and grace at all times.

In the Name of Jesus, be a divine shield against all that would threaten the life that you

want lived in this place. Be God to each person here in all things, in every situation, especially as the faith of those who live/work here is directed towards you.

Receive our prayer and our worship in the Name of the living Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who taught us to pray saying: "Our Father, who art in heaven,

Amen.

Hymn

Benediction

And now may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest, remain and abide in this place, with all who live here, with each and every one of us and with all God's people everywhere, both now and forevermore.

Threefold Amen