BLESSINGS AT THE END OF MASS
AND PRAYERS OVER THE PEOPLE

SOLEMN BLESSINGS

The following blessings may be used, at the discretion of the Priest, at the end of the celebration of Mass, or of a Liturgy of the Word, or of the Office, or of the Sacraments.

The Deacon or, in his absence, the Priest himself, says the invitation: Bow down for the blessing. Then the Priest, with hands extended over the people, says the blessing, with all responding: Amen.

I. For Celebrations in the Different Liturgical Times

1. Advent

May the almighty and merciful God,
by whose grace you have placed your faith
in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son
and yearn for his coming again
sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent
and enrich you with his blessing.
R. Amen.

As you run the race of this present life,
may he make you firm in faith,
joyful in hope and active in charity.
R. Amen.

So that, rejoicing now with devotion
at the Redeemer’s coming in the flesh,
you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life
when he comes again in majesty.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, * and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

2. The Nativity of the Lord

May the God of infinite goodness,
who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world
and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night (day),
drive far from you the darkness of vice
and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.
R. Amen.
May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son’s saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.  
R. Amen.

And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favor and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.  
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.  
R. Amen.

3. The Beginning of the Year

May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour out his blessing in abundance, and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.  
R. Amen.

May he give you integrity in the faith, endurance in hope, and perseverance in charity with holy patience to the end.  
R. Amen.

May he order your days and your deeds in his peace, grant your prayers in this and in every place, and lead you happily to eternal life.  
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.  
R. Amen.
4. **The Epiphany of the Lord**

    May God, who has called you
    out of darkness into his wonderful light,
    pour out in kindness his blessing upon you
    and make your hearts firm
    in faith, hope and charity.
    
    R. Amen.

    And since in all confidence you follow Christ,
    who today appeared in the world
    as a light shining in darkness,
    may God make you, too,
    a light for your brothers and sisters.
    R. Amen.

    And so when your pilgrimage is ended,
    may you come to him
    whom the Magi sought as they followed the star
    and whom they found with great joy, the Light from Light,
    who is Christ the Lord.
    R. Amen.

    And may the blessing of almighty God,
    the Father, and the Son, * and the Holy Spirit,
    come down on you and remain with you for ever.
    R. Amen.

5. **The Passion of the Lord**

    May God, the Father of mercies,
    who has given you an example of love
    in the Passion of his Only Begotten Son,
    grant that, by serving God and your neighbor,
    you may lay hold of the wondrous gift of his blessing.
    R. Amen.

    So that you may receive the reward of everlasting life from him,
    through whose earthly Death
    you believe that you escape eternal death.
    R. Amen.

    And by following the example of his self-abasement,
    may you possess a share in his Resurrection.
    R. Amen.
And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, * and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.  
R. Amen.

6. **Easter Time**

May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son  
was pleased to confer on you  
the gift of redemption and of adoption,  
give you gladness by his blessing.  
R. Amen.

May he, by whose redeeming work  
you have received the gift of everlasting freedom,  
make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.  
R. Amen.

And may you, who have already risen with Christ  
in Baptism through faith,  
by living in a right manner on this earth,  
be united with him in the homeland of heaven.  
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, * and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.  
R. Amen.
7. **The Ascension of the Lord**

   May almighty God bless you,  
   for on this very day his Only Begotten Son  
   pierced the heights of heaven  
   and unlocked for you the way  
   to ascend to where he is.  
   R. Amen.

   May he grant that,  
   as Christ after his Resurrection  
   was seen plainly by his disciples,  
   so when he comes as Judge  
   he may show himself merciful to you for all eternity.  
   R. Amen.

   And may you, who believe he is seated  
   with the Father in his majesty,  
   know with joy the fulfillment of his promise  
   to stay with you until the end of time.  
   R. Amen.

   And may the blessing of almighty God,  
   the Father, and the Son, δ and the Holy Spirit,  
   come down on you and remain with you for ever.  
   R. Amen.

8. **The Holy Spirit**

   May God, the Father of lights,  
   who was pleased to enlighten the disciples’ minds  
   by the outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete,  
   grant you gladness by his blessing  
   and make you always abound with the gifts of the same Spirit.  
   R. Amen.

   May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples,  
   powerfully cleanse your hearts from every evil  
   and pervade them with its purifying light.  
   R. Amen.

   And may God, who has been pleased to unite many tongues  
   in the profession of one faith,  
   give you perseverance in that same faith  
   and, by believing, may you journey from hope to clear vision.  
   R. Amen.
And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, */ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

9. **Ordinary Time I**
   May the Lord bless you and keep you.
   R. Amen.
   May he let his face shine upon you
   and show you his mercy.
   R. Amen.
   May he turn his countenance towards you
   and give you his peace.
   R. Amen.
   And may the blessing of almighty God,
   the Father, and the Son, */ and the Holy Spirit,
   come down on you and remain with you for ever.
   R. Amen.

10. **Ordinary Time II**
    May the peace of God,
    which surpasses all understanding,
    keep your hearts and minds
    in the knowledge and love of God,
    and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
    R. Amen.
    And may the blessing of almighty God,
    the Father, and the Son, */ and the Holy Spirit,
    come down on you and remain with you for ever.
    R. Amen.
11. **Ordinary Time III**

   May almighty God bless you in his kindness and pour out saving wisdom upon you.
   R. Amen.

   May he nourish you always with the teachings of the faith and make you persevere in holy deeds.
   R. Amen.

   May he turn your steps towards himself and show you the path of charity and peace.
   R. Amen.

   And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
   R. Amen.

12. **Ordinary Time IV**

   May the God of all consolation order your days in his peace and grant you the gifts of his blessing.
   R. Amen.

   May he free you always from every distress and confirm your hearts in his love.
   R. Amen.

   So that on this life's journey you may be effective in good works, rich in the gifts of hope, faith and charity, and may come happily to eternal life.
   R. Amen.

   And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
   R. Amen.
13. **Ordinary Time V**

May almighty God always keep every adversity far from you and in his kindness pour out upon you the gifts of his blessing.

R. Amen.

May God keep your hearts attentive to his words, that they may be filled with everlasting gladness.

R. Amen.

And so, may you always understand what is good and right, and be found ever hastening along in the path of God’s commands, made coheirs with the citizens of heaven.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✝ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

14. **Ordinary Time VI**

May God bless you with every heavenly blessing, make you always holy and pure in his sight, pour out in abundance upon you the riches of his glory, and teach you with the words of truth; may he instruct you in the Gospel of salvation, and ever endow you with fraternal charity.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✝ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.
II. For Celebrations of the Saints

15. **The Blessed Virgin Mary**

   May God, who through the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary
   willed in his great kindness to redeem the human race,
   be pleased to enrich you with his blessing.
   R. Amen.

   May you know always and everywhere the protection of her,
   through whom you have been found worthy to receive the author of life.
   R. Amen.

   May you, who have devoutly gathered on this day,
   carry away with you the gifts of spiritual joys and heavenly rewards.
   R. Amen.

   And may the blessing of almighty God,
   the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
   come down on you and remain with you for ever.
   R. Amen.

16. **Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

   May almighty God bless you,
   for he has made you steadfast in Saint Peter’s saving confession
   and through it has set you on the solid rock of the Church’s faith.
   R. Amen.

   And having instructed you
   by the tireless preaching of Saint Paul,
   may God teach you constantly by his example
   to win brothers and sisters for Christ.
   R. Amen.

   So that by the keys of St Peter and the words of St Paul,
   and by the support of their intercession,
   God may bring us happily to that homeland
   that Peter attained on a cross
   and Paul by the blade of a sword.
   R. Amen.

   And may the blessing of almighty God,
   the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
   come down on you and remain with you for ever.
   R. Amen.
17. **The Apostles**

May God, who has granted you
to stand firm on apostolic foundations,
graciously bless you through the glorious merits
of the holy Apostles N. and N. (the holy Apostle N.).
R. Amen.

And may he who endowed you
with the teaching and example of the Apostles,
make you, under their protection,
witnesses to the truth before all.
R. Amen.

So that through the intercession of the Apostles,
you may inherit the eternal homeland,
for by their teaching you possess firmness of faith.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, * and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

18. **All Saints**

May God, the glory and joy of the Saints,
who has caused you to be strengthened
by means of their outstanding prayers,
bless you with unending blessings.
R. Amen.

Freed through their intercession from present ills
and formed by the example of their holy way of life,
may you be ever devoted
to serving God and your neighbor.
R. Amen.

So that, together with all,
you may possess the joys of the homeland,
where Holy Church rejoices
that her children are admitted in perpetual peace
to the company of the citizens of heaven.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, * and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.
III. Other Blessings

19. For the Dedication of a Church

May God, the Lord of heaven and earth, who has gathered you today for the dedication of this church, make you abound in heavenly blessings.

R. Amen.

And may he who has willed that all his scattered children should be gathered together in his Son, grant that you may become his temple and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

And so, when you are thoroughly cleansed, may God dwell within you and grant you to possess with all the Saints the inheritance of eternal happiness.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

20. In Celebrations for the Dead

May the God of all consolation bless you, for in his unfathomable goodness he created the human race, and in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son he has given believers the hope of rising again.

R. Amen.

To us who are alive, may God grant pardon for our sins, and to all the dead, a place of light and peace.

R. Amen.

So may we all live happily for ever with Christ, whom we believe truly rose from the dead.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.