

A prayer for a new home: Leo XIII's prayer for the Christian

God of bounty and of mercy, to thy almighty protection we commend our home, our family and all we possess. Bless us all, as Thou didst bless the Holy Family at Nazareth.

O Jesus, our most blessed Saviour, by the love with which Thou didst become man for our salvation, by thy mercy in dying for us on the Cross, bless, we beseech thee, our home, our family and our household; preserve us from every evil and from the snares of men; protect us from lightning and hail, from fire, flood and tempest; preserve us from thy wrath, from the hatred and the evil designs of our enemies, from pestilence, famine and war. Let not any one of us die without the holy Sacraments; grant us thy blessing, that we may bravely confess that faith by which we are sanctified, that we may preserve our hope in sorrow and in affliction, and that we may redouble our love of Thee and our charity towards our neighbour.

O Jesus, bless and protect us.

O Mary, mother of grace and of mercy, bless us, defend us against the evil spirit, lead us by the hand across this vale of tears, reconcile us with thy Son, and commend us to Him that we may be made worthy of his promises. O holy Joseph, reputed father of our Saviour, guardian of his most blessed Mother, head of the Holy Family, intercede for us, and bless and protect our habitation at all times.

St Michael, defend us against all the malice of hell.

St Gabriel, make us ever to seek the holy will of God.

St Raphael, preserve us from sickness and all danger of death.

Ye holy angels, our guardians, keep us day and night in the way of salvation.

Ye holy saints, our patrons, pray for us before the throne of God.

Bless this our home, O God the Father, who hast created us; O God the Son, who hast suffered for us on the Cross; O God the Holy Spirit, who hast sanctified us in baptism. May God in his three divine Persons preserve our bodies, purify our souls, guide our hearts and lead us to eternal life.

Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son, glory be to the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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