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### **By the cleansing fire of your Holy Spirit...**

*In the Bedroom*

Hear the Words of Jesus:

*“Let the children come to me,  
and do not stop them;  
because the kingdom of heaven  
belongs to such as these.”*

Blessed are you, Tender God,  
for your Son took young children into his  
arms and blessed them.  
Embrace Emma  
with your unfailing love,  
protect her from all danger,  
and bring her in safety to each new day,  
until she greets with joy  
the great day of your kingdom.

### **By the cleansing fire of your Holy Spirit...**

Concluding Prayers and Blessing *\*Place  
candles down*

**We dedicate this house to you  
and your work as the God of Peace.**

May it be a place of joy, laughter and  
freedom,

**A place of renewal and refreshment  
for those who are weary,**

A place of hope  
for those who have become disillusioned,

**A place of healing and comfort  
for those broken and hurt,**

A place of forgiveness  
for those who seek a new way of life,  
A place of vision and inspiration  
for all those who seek a new and better way.

May the eye of God be dwelling with you;  
The foot of Christ in guidance with you;  
The shower of the Spirit pouring on you;

And the blessing of God...

***Amen. Together blow out the candles***

## **The Procession through the House**

*Each holding a lighted candle.*



*At the Entrance*

Hear the Word of God:

*“The LORD will protect you  
as you come and go, now and forever.”*

Blessed are you, Welcoming God.  
As.....come and go from this door,  
be their constant companion on the way,  
and welcome them upon their return,  
so that coming and going  
they may be sustained by your presence.  
Bring to this door both friend and stranger  
who come in peace,  
and guard it from any who come in hostility.  
May every grudge or malice be left at the  
door,  
and may those who brought them  
be so touched by grace here,  
that they forget to collect them when they  
leave.

**By the cleansing fire of your Holy Spirit,  
purge and heal this *entrance*  
of every spirit of fear and despair  
that clings to it from past terrors,  
and transfigure their legacy  
into inspirations for justice, freedom and  
peace.**

*In the Lounge or Living Room*

Hear the Word of God:

*“How wonderful it is, how pleasant,  
when God’s people live together in  
harmony.”*

Blessed are you, Gracious God,  
for you have provided this place  
for unwinding and enjoying company.  
Give your blessing to all who share this  
room, that they may find joy in their  
relaxation,

and always be generous hosts.  
May all who gather here  
be knit together in fellowship on earth,  
and find a first taste here  
of the communion of your saints in heaven.

**By the cleansing fire of your Holy Spirit...**

*In the Kitchen*

Hear the Word of God:

*“I am going to give you grain  
and wine and olive oil,  
and you will be satisfied.  
Be glad, and rejoice at what  
the LORD your God has done for you.”*

Blessed are you, Plentiful God,  
for you supply our every need  
according to your great riches.  
May this kitchen always be filled  
with the produce of the earth,  
and may the preparations here  
be filled with pleasure and love.  
Bless the hands that work in this place,  
and fill us with gratitude for your provision.

**By the cleansing fire of your Holy Spirit...**

*In the Dining Room*

Hear the Word of God:

*“You will have plenty to eat,  
and be satisfied.  
You will praise the LORD your God  
who has done wonderful things for you.”*

Blessed are you, Inviting God,  
for you welcome us at your table  
and call us to share in the banquet of life,  
giving us food and drink to sustain our lives  
and make our hearts glad.  
Fill us with gratitude for all you give us  
and with a hunger to hasten the day  
when all the world will enjoy such blessings.

**By the cleansing fire of your Holy Spirit...**

*In the Bathroom*

Hear the Word of God:

*“I will sprinkle clean water on you*

*and make you clean  
from all that has defiled you.”*  
Blessed are you, Creating God,  
for you made us as whole persons  
— bodies, minds and spirits —  
and you called us good.

Give us a proper respect and love for our  
bodies,  
keeping them clean and healthy,  
so that we may glorify you in them,  
as we confidently wait for you to clothe us  
in robes of righteousness.

**By the cleansing fire of your Holy Spirit...**

*In the bedroom*

Hear the Word of God:

*“You will be happy together,  
drink deep, and lose yourselves in love.”*

Blessed are you, Passionate God,  
for when you join two people  
in a covenant of love and desire,  
they are no longer two but one.  
Bless those who lie down here,  
with a holy passion and delight in their  
loving,  
and with deep rest in their sleeping,  
that they may rise to serve you  
all the days of their life.

**By the cleansing fire of your Holy Spirit...**

*In the Bedroom*

Hear the Word of God:

*“You will lie down  
and go to sleep in peace;  
for the LORD keeps you perfectly safe.”*

Blessed are you, Sheltering God,  
for you are the true rest of your people  
and you cover each person  
with the soft shelter of your wings.  
Embrace Christopher  
with your unfailing love,  
protect him from all danger,  
and bring him in safety to each new day,